

Washington, D.C.
11 Oct 1875.

Honorable C. W. Tamm

Dear Judge

I have your note, & saw Mr. Keogh
Sat. night. I think you are entitled to the
appointment which you ask. I wish to say as
to my friend Charles Belwin that I have a con-
ception of him which may prevent my being
active in displacing him. But as for comparative
merit between the party or the public I cannot think
that any one can be better in saying that it remains
with you. I believe Mr. B. has made an excellent
offer. He is a worthy young fellow, & his wife is
a little girl - a very - with above mentioned, Mrs.
Pullen, I boarded at Raleigh from 1861 to nearly
1866. I am the million's debtor for a thousand
kindnesses, & have the relation to her child which
grows from such kindnesses - & from my having
seen her grow up under my eye, from 8 years old.

When Mr. Baldwin's book came out about 15 or 20
years ago, Mr. Deane wrote me a note, calling my at-
tention to it, & saying that if I would recommend
him he would reappoint him. This must have been
last Spring, I guess. I was surprised at the note,
as Mr. B. had never said anything to me about
it, & I had had no hand in his original appoint-
ment. I have thought over it several times with
curiosity, & have no explanation to give myself, ex-
cept that Mr. D. intended it as a bribe to induce
the effect of his never having complied with any re-
commendation which I had volunteered to make. I
guess that was it. If I had not used "old philosophy" (see
Webster or Haynes) already about the dear Comptroller,
there could not have been much medicine in this
ministration. But as Mr. D. was always pleasant
in intercourse with me I have allowed it to pass with-
out the power to heal what was devoid of wounds.
Well, I did not mean to dwell upon this. But

I had some correspondence with Mr Baldwin
regarding the incident, & he & his were gratified
by my interference. Under the circumstances I think
you will not ask me to be active. Still I say, as I
am obliged to say, and you are entitled to the place.

From what Mr Kays told me, Secy Cullen
is of opinion that Mr B's appointment would not
have been made if it had been known that he
already had an office under the Govt. - and such
an appointment was entirely irregular. If this be so,
& it also be so (as Mr K. says) that Mr B's clerkship
is worth 1800 dollars, & his pension agency 12 to 1500
dollars, - I suppose there will be little trouble indeed
in his making a choice & letting the vacancy be
filled.

I have been very much pained in some proposals
made by myself & myself this fall. I had hoped
to see you in Convention ^{after repeated postponements} assembled - & gave out my
intentions only last Thursday. The attempt was

has necessarily been much absent this season, &
his absence continued until Friday evening last. I
wished to say to you how much I was gratified by
your election for Judge, & by your presence in the
Convention, & depend the resolves. I cannot recall one
word well from "the Cash" that is being done by the
non-elected members from Robson - also being the non-
party, are particularly the Convention. The Constitution is
amended all of course by their Constitution, & it is a
pity that the Legislature has not yet put out the
matter of amending (let it out) at once to such
men as should not be elected from Robson. It could
have been just as good, and much more economical.

You see they might have done it at Amherst. Well,
if paper was longer, & time allowed - I might say more. I
think "the Cash" too illtempered. The paper has a bad temper but
it cannot have gotten from any one else is, so far as I know, con-
cerned in it. They are all good valued men. There is no good
in such attacks as upon Channing for instance. They advanced no
cause, and really they have served up Parsons, ^{now} called, boiled, steamed
wounded, boiled & in cold blood to such an extent that I fear
the boards will leave. I can get no more information.
Dear brother
S. S. Pringle