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My Dear Judge

Josh Billings says "never  
cry over spilt milk - if the cow kicks  
over the bucket, get up and go for  
the next cow." I am just now  
in a position to appreciate this  
saying of Josh. As you are aware  
I got left at the last election.  
My vote against the Mills Bill, and  
the fact that I voted for some  
pensions for "Yankee Soldiers" had much  
to do with my defeat, although  
I received nearly two thousand  
votes more than I did in 1886.  
I was beaten by the mass  
outrageous frauds and mis-

representatives. But it has been  
done, and now for the "next  
round"

I am a candidate for  
Public Printer, and am very  
much encouraged, although  
the contest will be lively.

A good number of the mem-  
bers of Congress, who are familiar  
with my course since I have  
been here, are giving me their  
heartly support. Perhaps 50  
members will endorse me,  
and more would do so but  
for the fact that there are  
applicants from their own States.

Should I fail in this, I may  
go for 4th Auditor's place, as  
some have urged me to do.

I think I could easily  
get the Post office at Raleigh

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but that is more a source of weak-  
ness than of strength. Besides, I  
want to remain here for a year  
or two, on account of my  
children. The political feeling  
is so bitter in Raleigh, that it is  
unpleasant for them. I expect  
to return to Raleigh before  
1892, because if living and  
doing well, it is my purpose  
to risk all on one issue  
that year, and if Harrison's ad-  
ministration is popular, and  
a success, I will make  
the trip.

Was at home two weeks

Since I think Shaffer will  
make another effort for the  
collecting, although he  
will have a strong op-  
ponent in the person of  
Elihu A. White of the first  
District, who was an original  
Harrison man, and voted for  
him on every ballot at Chi-  
cago.

I presume you are always  
busy, but hope you will be  
able to find a few spare  
moments occasionally and "drop  
me a few lines," etc.

Truly yours.

John Nichols.