

My dear Sir:

Except in a very few special cases I have steadily refused to interfere in the matter of appointments or other public official action and in these cases I have ~~taken no special interest and~~ made nothing like "a fight," as it is termed, except for the retention of the Democratic postmaster in this town.

You will readily perceive that this rule, to which there have not been half a dozen exceptions among my political friends, I could not reasonably be expected to relax <sup>it</sup> in your ~~case~~ a case like yours.

Sincerely Yours

Wm. D. Bourgeois