Columbus Ohio Jany 13th 1890

My dear Sir:

I beg to congratulate you upon the fact that the leaven you have so industriously circulated and the evidences are that it begins to take root. The much of the good seed seems to fall in thorny and stoney places - God stands by those that stand for justice & right & we may confidently look for a [illegible] ago by & by - Shake Mother Shake, as you mean after my own heart, your Equipment is for a mission that must ultimately be worked out upon the lines of plane of justice and an equal before the law. Both as to civil & political rights for even the humblest whenever the old flag flaunts or we shall all miserably perish together - "The ~~[illegible]~~ invasion of the rights of even the humblest citizen is a violation of the rights of all" and the Mission G.O.P. will not have ended until one flag stay fulls shall be regarded by all as the palladium & shield the oppressed in the utterest parts of our Jurisdictional domain - and it is one of the mysterious ways of Divine Providence that the Godefroi Liberty upon our Capitol has deemed in the adjustment of her scales. That we must protect the inalienable rights of that other [illegible] to life liberty & the pursuit of happiness in to preserve our own - Such is means accountable for the born of freedom -

Yes as you state in Saturdays Inter Ocean
this bloody shirt bug was told to bond in the
last campaign, along the whole line, yet it
was a ghost that would not down at the
riding. Neither would the "red spots wash"
white from the hands of the party. I made
a few speeches & the big half of all, was the
last end of southern outrages & their plutoc-
racy of Govt. and the gospel seemed to take
with patriotic mappy better than the cold
selfishness of a dollar & cent profit. Lear Wal-
ace & yourself were the only ones that seemed
to rise to the height of the occasion or the de-
mands of the times. Now you will observe
from all the panacea methods named for
this race problem. None are willing to con-
cord color the rights of citizenship or even
any thing more than an intelligent animal.
to be utilized as a menial for white advance-
ment. Never justice - I do not argue for social
equality, that is a matter of choice & taste, but
an equal chance in the race of life to make the
most progress & opportunity consistent with the
environment - injustice like coals above our
heads will & may come back to avenge its own
penalties - and they must let this people go or
I shall look for yellow jack, plagues of lice &
& rivers turned into blood in that quarter

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the moment our party gets on Deck they become conservative & apprehensive and if this party now installed in power does nothing to settle the tardy justice towards the wards of the nation I shall conclude with you that we yet have in store a further unpleasantness. This people when driven to the wall have no further to go & must turn & vend their appropriations. I am for one anxiously "waiting to see the Salvation of the Lord" yet my belief is, there will be tender feet enough in Washington to do nothing - to heroicly eliminate this cancerous sore & bone of contention - as a party we at times puff a great deal & live up to nothing. Except Dollars & cents. Judge I have read your Fools Errand. Bricks & figs & Mistly and about all that has appeared in the Inter Ocean Daily and if I were told so impertinent as to ask you if you knew who wrote "Siva" you probably would not tell - what comette out the mouth may defile a man. Yet if he opens it wide & continuously we can judge of the heart. That prompts it - and I must say that I am in happy accord with your moral & political ideas & would to God this land of would be patriots contained more such. Phillips Sumner Garrison & Giddings all combined never the half has awakened public conscience the like of the well digested thoughts & truths that have been inculcated by your pen. May God continue to bless you in health & Equipment untill they wrong is righted

4 I want to relate an incident that happened. When Gen. Garfield was elected - you will remember a delegation of the foremost cultured colored gentlemen call on him after Election. Thinking they had a Moses to tread them out the Wilderness, and as I now remember he said to them that he did not know why they should consider him more their friend than many others - That the Panacea for all their troubles & ills was to go home & Educate, & to work out their Salvation with fear & trembling &c. I had but just finished your fools Errand & Bricks & was loaded full after inspiration & impressed with the appearant cold shoulder Exhibited "Conservation after Election") I took it upon my self to write him & took him to task from the speech - I said Shades of Old Joshua & Benjamin do you know what I would have said to these men were I in your place - That when I come into my Kingdom as ruler, that if I could find any law to warrant me to protect you, even by the stretch of the benefit of the doubt in your favor, you can count on me to enforce it in your behalf. Educate forsooth by the light of burning Shoolhouses contributed from the Charities of the North - I do not of course know what course he might pursue for the reason he did not live long enough. In that same letter I begged of him in his message to Cong. To take up the rape and raid upon the sacred ballot & put it before this people on the ark of our Covenant. The throne of this nation & the preservation

Judge my Chirography beats yours or guilty.
I am an invalid this winter & ruminating
continuously upon these themes — "I kept Shool"
but never taught logic or grammar. learned the
significance of many words & have ideas plenty
but never the felicitous art of rounding out
a sentence or but fully to express my new-
ening — If you can pick this up, you are
a gentleman & linguist

I am chuck full of this stuff
but 2cts will not transport my mess &
will not further tax your time.

Your hand looks Elegant but
it takes a philosopher to compass it all

Cordially & sincerely yours
Geo C Butterfield

If you will but glean, but one salient
thought upon which to ring the changes
to advance the cause I shall be content
If the thought comes its has 8th to extract a
Albion W Tourgee sunbeam from a
Mayville N.Y. Cucumber.