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My Dear Mrs Sawyer.

I am in receipt of your kind letters, and regret that I asked the Judge to write a letter for me, if, as I infer - he regrets it himself. I will not do it any more.

I went to W. each week. got an appeal with Sawyer at his private residence, the whole gang invited, Logan Harris, Jas H Harris, Jim Lee, Quatham Dr Mott & Jas H Williams were there. Such another monkey & Parson Lewis as we had can never be told, but I got out alive and Dr Mott concluded the circus by telling them that there was but one thing for them to do, get their double barreled guns and go quizzing for Shaffer or go and hang themselves, but the fight was all out of them, & we all got home alive.

To-day there is a rumor that a telegram has been rec'd here asking whether Bidloe (M.A.) could file the bond, answered negatively, said to be from our Foster, inferentially Ex Gov Charles Foster - but it cannot be run down. The only danger lies in the possibility that the President may withdraw my name, and that is their point now. I was confirmed week-before-last. The chairman lodged a motion

I took with me and filed the request of our 200 of the best mind of all parties for my early confirmation.

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to reconsider, the Presiding officer misunderstanding Mr Sawyer's purpose, but the motion - and of course it passed and the case went back to the committee. Friday night's serenade before the Chairman probably settled it one way or the other so far as the Com. is concerned. The only danger is the President - acting through misrepresentation and falsehood, for they bank at nothing. I read my letter (printed) before them - and debated upon it. They made not a single point then, but what will come of it all, God only knows.

Very truly yours.

A. W. Shaffer.

Tell the Judge, to cheer up - that Sawyer's Private Secy told Gen Manning that the things who are after me might argue until the Judgment day - and then our letter, the writer of which was known to every man in the Senate, would overthrow them all. I read it to the Com. among the rest, for the Senator had examined nothing, only been listening for 3 months. He didn't say "they," however.