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My Dear Judge,

I wrote you, returning Winlow's letters - at the Riggs House to day, but conclude to tell you at Mayville that I am in the third vice-hole. Senator Sawyer wrote me last week that I "would have been confirmed in this but for the P.M.G. who asked that it be held up a few days."

This is inscrutable and, I fear, means mischief. For Mr Harrison writes by Sney Halford that he has no information of a movement for the withdrawal of my nomination. Mr Wauamaker has now held me up ever since the 24th, at least, I know I have done my full duty. He devils aw ah work with him. If not confirmed tomorrow I will look into it with Russell, at least during the week. Nobody knows better than the P.M.G. that I cannot be removed for cause. Are not you the personal friends?

Truly yours  
A. W. Shaffer