

Dear Sir: If you are content with the actions of the Democratic party to Slavery, Rebellion, Kidnapping and Terrorism, I certainly ~~am~~ have no reason to complain ~~at~~ your choice. As you well know, the Democratic party, as such, had no existence when Louisiana was acquired. It did acquire Texas New Mexico and California, hoping to increase the area of Slavery. The Republican Party saved the whole area at length to freedom. Every count in the indictment presented is true as you well know. No jury drawn from the people of another country would dare to find ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup> against my government. That is my belief.

As to your personal attack, it simply recoils upon yourself. You evidently think that no man can have interest enough in my

question affecting the public welfare  
to give time and labor to it without  
hope of gain. That is in strict accord  
with Democratic principle and practice.  
Fortunately, or unfortunately for me, I  
have always been impelled, often almost  
against my wish, to advocate what  
seemed to me right without much  
regard to personal results. In the  
present case, I have neither <sup>present</sup> personal  
gain nor prospective advantage to  
desire, and am, in my conscience,  
as I believe possible, degree my  
conduct. If I did not profoundly  
and sincerely believe that the infa-  
mous tendency toward injudicious and  
tyranny, <sup>which the Democratic party represents</sup> would precipitate the country  
into bloodshed and slaughter such  
which the French Revolution and St.  
Bartholomew's Eve would seem  
trivial and insignificant and  
turn the world some centuries  
back toward barbarism, I  
would neither discuss the record

Indeed, not a dollar has been paid out except for printing, stationery and  
one lady clerk, the rest is a sum of my family. The clerk is paid for  
dollars a week and the printer is paid for the same.

of the Democratic party, seek to keep the  
Republican party on the right track  
now organize the National Citizens'  
Rights Association. \*

Of course, I knew that <sup>there would be</sup> such men  
as you who would accuse me of a  
personal motive and, therefore, took  
care that from the outset of the  
organization such a charge should  
have no ground to stand upon. Every  
penny coming in or going out passes  
through other hands, the whole is super-  
vised by others and a full account  
rendered to every one who contrib-  
utes any sum. ~~whenever~~

Another thing is <sup>easily demonstrated</sup>  
and <sup>myself being actually</sup>  
while, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> one friend <sup>has</sup> contributed  
<sup>money</sup> to the expenses <sup>of the Association</sup> ~~more~~ <sup>than</sup> ~~2000~~  
all the others put together. ~~I have never~~

Also, I have never received the  
thousandth part of a penny for <sup>the</sup> ~~my~~  
labor and time expended in its  
direction, though that time otherwise  
employed would have yielded, as  
you must be aware, a reasonably  
good return.

The pamphlet "Liberty worth preserving" is published for the association and a number of copies are sent to every publisher and bookseller of the country.

Again, I have refused to lecture on this subject though often unpurposed to do so because I could not afford to do so gratuitously and would not seem to make profit out of my relation to it. Even more, I derive no profit or advantage whatever from the sale of any of my books that may result from such sentiment because business misfortune ~~conflicted~~ <sup>has long since</sup> put me with all interest in them.

Strange as it may seem to you, therefore, I have no pecuniary or personal interest of any sort in the work with which I have in such a singular manner become connected.

It brings me loss rather than profit and I suppose will <sup>be more likely to</sup> yield me disadvantages than advantages. I do not doubt that I am a fool estimated

from the standpoint of personal welfare ~~good~~ to adopt such a course, but the many thousand letters I receive from those "simple-minded people" who think justice not a myth and liberty worth preserving are, if not reward, at least some compensation.

I have not often written in 1842 in 1842.