

Denver, Colo. April 21st 1892

Hon. Wm. Penn. Nixon:
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

A few years ago I had the honor of your acquaintance and friendship. That fact will I hope excuse this note.

I enclose you a letter ^{for publication} upon the negro question, as I have seen it in *Lenses*. It has taken me a long time to come to the conclusions therein stated and I may be wrong. The more I study the question, the harder it seems. But I am confident that time, and a long time, will be necessary to solve it. I have no doubt that in the end, the negro will freely exercise his political rights. We must not be impatient or try to force things. I find that southern man when ~~his~~ ^{his} pride is not attacked or passions aroused is a just man. and you have got to work through the white man. to accomplish your ends. An election bill like Lodge's would be a bill against the corner. so far

as the south is concerned. It would
arouse passions, which are fast dying
out, and make the negro's lot much
worse than it now is.

Perhaps this letter is entirely un-
necessary, but I felt that I wanted
to say so much to you,

I am

Yours very truly,
J. L. Sherman.

If you publish the letter please
mail me two or three copies. To 2059
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