

House of Representatives U.S.

Washington, D. C. July 6th 1873

Dear A. M. Sawyer

Mayville N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Knowing, as I do,
your interest in the colored people of
the South and of your willingness to assist
one of that people in an honorable
pursuit, I do not hesitate to write you for
^{that} information and advice which I doubt the
ability of any other man in the U.S. to
give with the same accuracy -
You having lived in the South and having
shared the hardships of ~~the~~ ^{it} South in the
dark days of that section, immediately after
the "Civil War," as well as having lectured
through the entire North, as you, doubtless,
have done. As I am now serving ^{my}
last term in Congress, I am desirous of
lecturing in the North and West during
the next two years and had in mind as

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subjects upon which to lecture, "The old and New South", "The condition of American labor, and how to improve it" - with a view of bringing in the discrimination against the Negro of America in almost every avenue, Now, will you do me the kindness, to first, advise me as to the advisability of such a course, and should you think well of it, please indicate an outline for each subject which in your mind would be effective in the North - and your idea of the best way to proceed with such speeches, under Bureau or otherwise. In order that you may be able to determine who I am I enclose you my photograph.

I am your obt. Servant -

P.S.

Henry J. Cheatham

I am the only colored man in Congress and have been a member of the committee on Education, in the House, four years. H. J. C.