Dear Sir: The first man to pro-
pose Reciprocity as a national
policy, was unquestionably
Benjamin Harrison. One
of his early efforts in the
Senate, was to secure its
adoption as an essential
feature of our economic
policy. His speeches and reso-
lutions in regard ~~to~~ to it
attracted little attention then
as the country was prosper-
ous in the extreme and
thought it needed nothing
more than protection.

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So far as my knowledge extends, he was the first man who formed any such thing and its incorporation in the McKinley law was a result of his persistent urging of a policy he had professed a dozen or more years before.

~~His singular~~ President Harrison's singular determination never to defend himself nor to put forward any claim to ~~credit for~~ credit for anything

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he has done, has left the way
open for the friends of Mr. Blaine
to assert without contradiction
what he was its originator.
This determination never to
blow his own horn, is
made unfortunate for
Mr. Harrison's present fame.
Possibly, the future may do him
justice, but I confess I doubt
the philosophy on which such
an hypothesis rests. My notion
is that the future is just as
apt to be unjust to the dead
as the present is to the living;
I am the more glad to
attest this as I was compelled

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to disapprove with the utmost
rigor President Harrison's
revised policy in regard
to the rights of the citizen
and was a ~~[illegible]~~ pro~~[illegible]~~
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nounced opponent of his
second nomination

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