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Hon. A. W. Tougee.

Maysville, N. Y.

Dear Judge:-

Yours of the 18th. instant is received. I wrote you that I would not present your papers until this week, as I wanted a chance to see Secretary Sherman and had to wait. As it was I did not have an opportunity to see him until yesterday, but had filed your papers the day before. Sherman was not committal; said, "when the time came all papers would be submitted to the President".

I hear from Senators and Members of different States, that the President has informed them that they must agree among themselves upon the persons they want appointed, and has strongly intimated, that no one will be appointed whose position is to be charged to any State, without the approval of the Republican Delegation in Congress from such State. If that be so, the only way in which you could be appointed would be a personal one by the President and not charged to New York— that is if the New York Delegation fail to back you.

It strikes me and many other Republicans Workers that the Party does not need the services of "Vote Getters", when such men as John May who never made a vote or contributed in the least to put one vote in the ballot box, are recipients of the best positions in the gift of the Administration.

Yours very truly,

Allan Rutherford