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My Dear Sir & Benefactor.

Your favor of 8th Inst just to hand, I would be delighted to have you address our Congress, but it gave me far greater pleasure to read in the dispatches of two days ago your Nomination by the President. My Very Soul leaped for Joy. please accept most sincere and heartfelt congratulations of the Afro-American Leagues of this State - and as I beleive the entire race in the whole Country have but two regrets, to express, first we can ill afford to lose you, and second we are doubly sorry you did not secure a far better appointment, a more fit recognition of your great worth and services to humanity and the party. a first class Mission - say to England or France

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or Germany, either of which would be a small place for a man of your worth. Oh, it does seem sometimes to be a crime for a man to be a friend of my race, and that too when that friendship Embodies simple justice only. in such a case it ought to be a crime for any citizen to be otherwise. May good health and the blessings of God be the boon Companion of yourself and your dear family. The passing of John Brown, Charles Sumner, Garrison. Thadeus Stevens - and the grand men of these school renders it impossible to fill your place in this country. I would like to procure a copy of Fool Errand, Bricks Without Straw, and the Basis - the Basis from the first to the last issue, if possible before your departure, Bound if possible. Kindly inform me if I can be accommodated and the Cost, and I will send price at once to you.

With best wishes for your success and safe return, I am Very Sincerely Yours.

F. B. Morton