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Hon A. M Pougee
Mayville W.V.

Dear Sir

Your letter of 14th inst to hand, since which time I notice you have been appointed Consul to Bordeaux France Allow me to congratulate you and express the wish that the position may prove pleasant and profitable. I hope you will pardon me for again intruding on your time. As you are doubtless very busy. I take your letter to be final of course but it hurt [illegible] very much and to learn that you are not very kindly disposed towards him. I know he appreciates all you have done for him in the past and from my childhood I've heard him speak of your faithfulness to him in all of his

political fights. There are several reasons why he entered the fight this time and as briefly and rapidly as possible I'll recount them to you. In the first place he needs the position. He was on the bond of a republican County Officer, who defaulted for 5 or 6 thousand dollars, of course he had to help pay that He was very much opposed to going on this man's bond and only did it when the party was about to loose the office through lack of bondsmen. He also went on some notes for Col. Thos B. Keggh and tried to help him out of his financial troubles and again he lost $2000 or more, Strange to say both of these men are against him in this fight and both claim to be Republicans. Now as to the local conditions. There is only one other candidate, Mr Tyre Glenn former U.S. Marshall, Mr Glenn has repeatedly cussed out the whole party from President down to Constable and has time and again warned Republicans that he would do all he could to defeat the party and that any confidences placed in him would be betrayed to

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the democratic. He has told me that he never expects to vote another Republican ticket as long as he lives. He did not vote at all in 1894. He did as much, or more than any other man in the district, to defeat Congressman Settle, notwithstanding he is an uncle of Settle's. Father has the backing of Settle & all of the County officials who are Republicans & by far a majority of the patrons of the office. Such is the Republicanism of the man who is opposing him. I recognize the strength of your finish about his long tenure of the office, but there is not a spot or blemish on that record. It is clean from beginning to end. Is not a record, such as he has made, recommendation for those who have been faithful in defeat as well as victory, who never created a ticket, to be cast aside? Is the time, the talent & the money freely given in the past to try to build up the Republican party in the South to count for naught

Are men who vote the ticket only when it suits them, who do all they can to defeat the party (using fair or foul means) to be rewarded & enjoy the emoluments of office after the victory is won? If the appointment of any other man will serve the interests of the party better or heal any breaks in the ranks we are perfectly willing to stand aside. Father is in the race at the solicitation of men who know Glenn appointment will tear the party all to pieces in the county. We may be defeated but for the good of the party Glenn should be beaten I've one more reason for asking you help in this fight & then I'm through. My mother died last fall & left a large family 3 boys & 6 girls, two of the girls are quite small & are to be educated and fitted for life another term as P.M. would enable father to do by them as he would like to. If you were a citizen of Greensboro I believe you would be on our side in this fight I asked for your aid believing you would unhesitatingly give it. If I could see you & talk to you I could explain the situation much better. I hope you will excuse this long letter but after reaming your letter I felt like you thought we did not appreciate your efforts in our behalf in the past. Father sends kindest regards & wishes you prosperity.

Very truly Robt G White

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