

Guntersville, July, 11, 1876-

Col. A.L. Woodliff:
Gadsden, Ala.

Dear Gus,

I am completely let down, Set back, out done; all of which I keenly feel at this present writing. I was compelled to be at Blountsville, Saturday, the day of our Con. I however Saw Several men of this town, and two men from across the river, and told them my plan. They assured me I need have no fear. I felt confident that I, and one other C- man who would be sure to go, would be selected. But sometimes the best laid plans fail. I was too busy closing out my School, by examination and exhibition, to mature the plan as I otherwise would have done. I came home last night to find that a convention met in the interest of J.G. Winston Jr. as an independent candidate vs. Dobbs- and under the influence of J.L- who was elected President.

They repudiated the Grantham Senatorial convention, called on J.G. Winston Jr. to become an independent candidate which he did. This and the Claysville beat across the river withdrew in disgust and rallied in a mass meeting and ratified Dobb's nomination. The Sheffield Crowd selected the following delegates- J.L. made a flaming Speech vs. C- and in favor of B-

W.H. Bear- Somewhat under influence of J.L.- Some week ago was for B- He dont like the way things went off Saturday, and I heard to day he purposed going for C- I have not seen him- easily influenced.

J.W. Perkins, personal friend to C- told me less than 2 weeks ago that he was for C- Candidate for legislature- acted badly Saturday. I dont know where he may fall, but for C- I think. He was a delegate 2 years ago- Some what sharp man. P.O. of these two, Guntersville- M.W. Kirby, J.L.S. & H. Furgerson will I think be for Col B- J.G. Winston Sr father of J.G.W. Jr. Young John is for B- I dont know how the old man will be- P.O.- Meltonville-

Jno. Pickens, Oleander- Good Man, dont think he will go- I might get his proxy I think if it would answer- This ends this list- Nearly every man in G- feels mortified at the result of the convention-

The following is the list of delegates from Blount.

Henry Wharton - Cullman - Alternate - J.C. Shelton
Thomas Griffith - Summit - Forney - Alternate - J.G. Collier
H.C. Dickson, Brooksville - Alternate Jno. H. Campbell.
W.H. Edwards - Chepultepec - Alternate Isaac Henry -
W.P. St. John - Summit - Alternate Brett Randolph.
T.Y. Huffman Hanceville Alternate C.F. Hamill not C-
T.C. Wilhite Cullman W.F. Findley
R.F. Campbell Village Springs P.M. Musgrove-
J.H. Campbell, Collier, Randolph and Musgrove, will likely go as alternates-

Any thing that I can do to defeat Col. S- and his man Col B- you have but to command me. I am expecting to be at the Dist. meeting- I hope you will write me in the mean time- Aiken writes me a strong F- letter and that the Bell law suit is settled in our favor

your cousin
S. Palmer

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Later- Dobbs has come over- public Speaking by him & Winston tonight- The excitement in that race becoming intense- Had a private confidential interview with Boyd, found his personal preference was B- on account of B's strong advocacy of him Some time in past. He fights J.L.S. I dont think he will meddle, but feels that he cant oppose B- He Said to me in the short interview I had with him that there were 3 Straight out delegates for "C"- He was so excited, and I thought drinking a little, that I did not get his opinion as to who they were- I will keep you advised as things develop, hope you will do the same- I have as yet made no arrangement to take my family over- Have not altogether abandoned the idea however-

Yours truly
S. Palmer

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