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Hon Jno. H. Caldwell [John H. Caldwell] M.C.

Dear Sir-

Having a few leisure moments I thought I would improve them by addressing a brief letter to you, although I have nothing of especial interest to communicate. I suppose you are having a general time of it both in and out of Congress on the presidential question- if not a time to try men's souls, a time to test their patience and forbearance at least.

It's impossible to say or estimate how much our country demands a change of chief rulers and officers, the great wonder is that the conservative and honest people of the north do not arise in their majority and assert their determination for this necessary change and put an end - a final end to this corrupt, overbearing and dangerous administration. Certainly they have more at stake than the people of the South; yet to me they do not seem so to view or appreciate the present political crisis. They must be satisfied of the fact of the election of Tilden over Hayes, and intelligent, disinterested spectators would suppose they would greatly prefer him of the two, even if no great and grave questions were involved in the controversy- no vital rights to be preserved and perpetuated and a vile and dangerous conspiracy to be put down. But there is no accounting

for the acts or temper of northerners when justice and the rights of Southerners demand their attention. But I will not bore you with a long letter. I well know how constantly and laboriously your time is taxed in looking after and attending to the intricate and multiplicity of duties as an M.C.

Dont fail to preserve and send me the books you spoke of if by possibility you can get them. they would be a source of great interest to me- You could send them to me either here or at Oxford, or to Eastaboga I shall get them if sent to either office- Send me anything and everything you think would be a matter of interest or mental profit- I may be able to reciprate the favor at some time.

Very Truly  
E.W. Crandall

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