

Montgomery Alabama.

June 20th 1848.

To The Hon. Titcomb W. Tappan

New York &c -

Dear Sir;

In the month of February last, the democratic party of this State assembled in Convention at Montgomery, to appoint delegates to the Baltimore Convention for the nomination of candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency -

The delegates were accordingly appointed, and a rule for their direction was established in the resolutions of the Convention, and its instructions to them.

A copy of the Journal of that Convention is herewith transmitted to you.

The Convention which assembled in Baltimore, nominated as a candidate for the Presidency, Lewis Cass, a man whose opinions were then known to be diametrically opposed to the principles avowed in our constitution with regard to the equal rights of the people of the several States in the enjoyment and occupancy of the territories of the United States. For this reason as well as because the nominee is known to be false to

the faith of the Republican party, on the great
question of the power of the General Government
to carry on a vast system of Internal
Improvements, as is shown ^{abundantly} by his votes
as a Senator in Congress; because his
course has always been that of a weak
servile subservience of present expediency,
acknowledging no constitutional limitation
^{perhaps you represented in}
of the power of Congress, for a portion of the
Republican party have refused to
recognize his nomination as binding on
us, and are resolved to vote against his
election, as being the worst evil that could
befall our beloved Country.

Now therefore we, and those who with
us adhere to the principles expressed in
the resolutions referred to, and abide by
the pledges which they contain, are
compelled to look among these distinguished
Statesmen who have uniformly maintained
the principles of the old Republican party, for
a proper exponent of our principles, whom
we may proudly present to our fellow
citizens of this State and of the United States,
as a candidate for their suffrages for the
office of President of the United States.

^{I am the shadow of your life.}
In calling upon you who for so many
~~years~~ have been for so many years a witness

of the corrupting strength of so many of our
public men be party preference, we feel
sure that we have selected an our candidate
we around whom ~~many~~ ^{all} members of the
Republican party who profess adherence to
principles of non party ascendancy, can
nearly, may enthusiastically rally, and
we know that whatever success may attend
our action, it will conduce to a purification
and reorganization of the party, whose present
dangerous position ^{supported by} together with its vast
organism strength, we consider the greatest
danger to the liberties of our country.

We therefore solicit your consent to
the use of your name as a candidate
for the Presidency of the United States.

An early answer is respectfully
requested -

With the warmest regards,
We are - dear Sir, your sincerely
Henry C. Suple - John A. Campbell
William L. Ganey - H. Harris
S. Heydenfeldt - J. S. Elmer
Thos. S. Mays -
Com. Thos. -

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have uniformly maintained the ~~great~~ ^{old} ^{republican} ^{party}
~~our doctrine~~ ~~both in debate and in action~~
for a proper ^{representation} of our views and
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present to our fellow citizens of this State,
and to the ^{rest of the} other States of the Union as a
candidate of this ~~same~~ ^{same} suffrage for the office of
President of the United States - In calling
upon you who ^{through} ^{the} ^{struggle} ^{of} ^{many} ^{years}
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Henry C. Scoble & Jos. A. Campbell
William S. Yancey & R. Harris
S. Hazard & Jos. S. May
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personal matters
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which will one
day be valuable to
the Historian of our
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To

L. W. Taggart

asking him to be a
candidate or boss -

L. W. T. - reply. in

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To the Hon. Littleton W. Tazewell

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Now therefore we, and these who with

us adhere to the principles expressed in the pledges which they contain, are compelled to look among those distinguished Statesmen who have uniformly maintained the principles of the old republican party, In a proper exponent of our principles, whom we may proudly present to our fellow citizens of this State and of the United States, as a candidate for their suffrages for the office of President of the United States.

From the [shades] of private life

In calling upon you who ~~for so many years~~ have been for so many years a witness [page 3]

of the corrupting struggles of so many of our public men for party preferment, we feel sure that we have selected as our candidate, one around whom ~~many~~^{all} members of the republican party who prefer adherence to principle to mere party ascendancy, can warmly, may enthusiastically rally, and we know that whatever success may attend our action, it will conduce to a purification and regeneration of the party, whose present dangerous business ~~together with~~^{supported by} its vast organized strength, we consider the greatest dangers to the liberties of our Country.

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