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Lt. Newman.

Permit me to introduce to you Majr Boling Hall of this place. Majr Hall is a candidate for Congress in the new District as laid off by the Convention. Of all men of my acquaintance he is the most proper man for this position. He was originally opposed to secession but after the State went out of the union, he gave his hearty concurrence to the then new order of things. Originally a wealthy man he is now ruined by the War. From principle he refrained from any trade or speculation, & the consequences of his upright course is he is left like most true men in our section of the County. On the other hand, in accordance with his previous sentiments he sought no office or place of Emolument under

the Confederate Government. In short his course, while true to the Confederacy, has been such as to make him as little obnoxious to the Federal Government as any man of my acquaintance. He had five gallant boys in the army through the entire war. Two of them a Col & Capt have each lost a leg, another a Captain an arm, the fourth an officer was shot through the lungs and is yet feeble & the fifth and youngest, while too young to be in the army went through the Kentucky Campaign & was finally killed in trying to rally the regiment to which he attached himself at Chickamauga fifty yards in advance. All but one went in as privates & rose by desert. I know of no family who has made such a record.

From my intercourse with you I know you to be an earnest and honest man & one whom I esteem

very highly. Although we have been defeated, I am satisfied you are anxious yet to do all the good for our State your can. Having been defeated in the field we have the same contest to fight under a different phase in the Halls of Congress. The issue will be between our old enemies the Black Republicans, & "Free Niggers" on the one side. President Johnson the Democrats & the South on the other. Our County is desolate. It can have no hope of recuperation until the State is allowed to assume her Sovereign position. Where question of Moment touching the vital interest of every man in it will arise. To meet these we want the wisest, truest and most sagacious men to represent us. Major Hall I think is the man for us. A profound thinker, with a keen insight

into the meanings of the political questions of the day. I pledge my faith in his courage to defend and his ability to maintain the interests of our State. I hope you will do all you can to assist in his election. I understand that he will be opposed by a Major Freeman who was an officer in the C. S. Army from Lowndes Co. Major Freeman is a man of but little note & from the position he held would not probably be admitted to Congress if elected. Enquire as much as you please as to Major H's former principles & character & I am satisfied you will vote for him. He is just the man to suit you if you only know him. Hoping that you are prospering & have escaped the ruin that has fallen on me

I remain your friend

Thos H. Haines

P.S. I have no interest of a personal nature whatever in this matter, excepting to reduce our country to order & prosperity.

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Capt Chas J Hardman Pike Co -
Lieut Joel Hardman " "
Lieut Phil Mitchell Monroe Co -
Capt W R Hynd Pike Co -
Capt C S Lee Coffee Co -
Capt Thos Abercrombie Barbour Co -

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