

Wash<sup>g</sup> July 18<sup>th</sup> 1884

My dear Sir

By an accident your  
letter was misplaced & hence the delay  
in answering it. You are quite right  
in your opinion as to my views  
before the war, for I belonged  
to the conservative party in So. Ca.  
though I followed the fortune  
of my State. I am

Very truly yrs

Wade Hampton

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