(Personal.)

Times Office, Cincinnati, July 9, 1838.

Hon. W. W. Gorman,

Dear Sir: I have received your "personal" letter of the 5th inst., in which you frankly express your displeasure with the political course of the Times, and mention an individual grievance.

You have been alluded to in the Times as "Charley" Gorman. How you speak of us "bating," you have certainly not forgotten in what spirit and with what effect the whole land used to ring with the name of "Henry" Clay. Do you think it ever occurred to the great Kentucky statesman that this could be construed as "baiting"? And you cannot doubt that there was an unfeigned delight of home and loyalty in the hearts of those who sang the old Scotch Cavalier song:

"Come, sing the strain, Charlie, dean Charlie, brave Charlie, Charlie, Charlie, Charlie! Come, sing the strain, and drive with me a lad!"

This was sung in honor of one whom the faithful adherents of the exiled Stuart held to be their lawful King, even though acknowledged by the British nation as the lawful titular Head of the Restorers. The answer, your suggestion of retaliation, was no favor for me. You know I have never indulged in it.
The good services rendered by you to the Times, to which you allude, may not have been commended by reciprocal favors, but if there is a balance your due, it must be paid in some other manner than by sacrificing my own honest opinions in order to advocate yours. As to the (to me) somewhat amusing notions you have about the internal affairs of the Times, explanation, I do not feel called upon to say anything except that you have evidently been misled.

Passing from personal grievances, you proceed to speak your mind in regard to my editorial view toward the party and the President. The former it suits your ideas of propriety to characterize as a "wicked and prejudiced attempt to defeat the party in Ohio," and you think it ought to be set upon your difficulties to that course "with at least a good degree of allowance." I concede to you the same right that I claim for myself. Do you claim more? I have labored earnestly to avoid all needless introduction of disturbance and discord into the party from
to the moment when you arose in convention to announce you. Really, had you not continually reminded yourself as concerning in this policy? Did you not, in your district, select convention, as candidate for member of the Committe on Resolutions, actually declare — as a reasonable adjustment of difficulties, in favor of the identical resolution proposed by Mr. Beckley, as an amendment to the reported platform? I have so understood. I credit you with so much intelligence to doubt that your fully understood then — and fully understand today — that the only persons truly cheeryable with a wicked and persistent attempt to defeat the party in Ohio were those who insisted on an endorsement of the Administration, and I say this, too, well knowing your sentiments to be recognized as the special champion of President Hayes. For his sake, as well as for that of the Republican party, you knew the demand for endorsement was an egregious blunder. And when you stood just before the Convention as the chief advocate and supporter of the President, you prudently transferred in regard to the Southern Policy, and[dically expressed, with words and smile, of the potential Civil Service Reform policy...
Now, you and I both too well know the sentiment and temper of the people of Ohio—and especially since the disastrous experiment of last year—not to understand that the only hope of carrying the State in October is in securing the votes of those who distinctly differ with the Administration and who heartily disapprove its course. If my efforts to secure their votes, by maintaining the principle...
of the Republican party, and by insinuating that a vote for the Republican State ticket and for the Republican Congressional candidates is not to be considered as an endorsement of all the errors and blunders of the Administration—of these efforts I say, as "wicked" in your eyes, they are not so in the judgment of Republicans in general, and they will be continued with "persistent" energy to the end. Of that you may rest assured.

One word as to a matter personal to myself, to which so much of your letter is devoted. I do not really think that you believe I have been influenced in my opinion and treatment of the Administration by disappointment in seeking an office. When you say, therefore, of the President and his friends: "They do not reply," I cannot say I see any little opportunity the history of the past year might afford to cast a shadow on your disinterestedness, and all that—and you TREASURING quite ingeniously. You may answer that question to your own conscience. I know you will believe me—at least, I know that you can readily satisfy yourself by inquiring at Headquarters in Washington.
that I speak truly—when I say that I have never
directly or indirectly been an applicant for any
office whatever under ResidentHayes. I do not
believe that any friend of mine in all the wide world
has ever suggested my name to the Resident in
connection with any appointment within his gift.
If so, it has been without my consent, knowledge,
or even suspicion. This being the plain truth in
spite of any story you may have heard to the con-
tary, I need not dwell further on this part
of your letter.

Assuming you of the absence of any unkind
feeling on my part toward yourself, or toward
the Resident personally, and of my earnest desire
for the success of the Republicans in the coming
election, which I deem vital importance
to Republican victory in 1880, I remain

Yours very truly,

C. H. Barrett