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Albany, May 26th 1852.
Friend Barrett

Before I read your note, things had proceeded too far, & a convention must be called. On the receipt of it I at once telegraphed to Burlington setting your views, but the next Express brought out a "call". It will do our district good to have a convention. We are in the minority. We must spit our energies, get around a majority of 300, or be beaten. We have no delegate, & hardly feel like one district. Don't fight us. Help us to make the best of it.

You in the 2^d Dis., can take either Reed, Wright, or (O'Connell), & try in the 1st can take Coolidge, & let us have one of our own. He did not call a Dis. con. without much talk & consultation. So let us go.

About Governor. I supposed that it was well understood & agreed upon that Dea. Fairbanks was to be the successor of Grammy Williams, & was not a little surprised when I saw Walter & Clark came out for Holbrook. If Fairbanks is to be dropped then each locality has a right to name its own man. I thought the best way to stop the talk for Holbrook would be to bring forward as many names as possible, & so divide attention, & in the end the proper man would be nominated. My mention of Gobins name had the desired effect, & at the right time I shall do what I can for the Dea. I have see Platt of Brattleboro, & find him violently opposed to Holbrook. White is not friendly for him. Now the rest of us must go in for the good Deacon. We are in a quandary about candidate for

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Rep. to Congress I want Royce (Homer E. Royce)
but the Rogus have had all an office, he drinks hard, &
will not even take my paper. I do not care about that,
but I will go for him if he can probably get the election.

He can "bleed" him, & somebody must be led for the
sake of carrying Lamoille & Orleans Cos.
May others mention Gobin. He is a full team
at election, & would do glorious service on the 9th trip.
He must make all Vermont candidates work
more for themselves. It is the fashion to have the
editor do all the work, & they get their pay in
"Pub. Sac!" which would do us most service,
H. E. Royce, Abner Gobin, John Wheeler, or
Portus Baxter?

What do you intend to send in Meacham's place? Shall
you be put up as candidate for Rep. this Fall? Do you
practice law any? Do you write for the Whig Review?
In short, "how is things"? What say you, - will you go
to the Baltimore Convention?

Yours truly
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