

Cincinnati O. March 16. 1891.

Hon. Joseph H. Barrett

Dear Sir:

I have this morning had pleasure in the receipt of yours of [April 13. 1891.] I have no specific knowledge of the letter you refer to except a general recollection of a state of affairs. The Oberlin affair I am not able to recall.

Mr Baber was a man of much more character and brains than he had credit for.

His peculiarities and tendency to monotony both in ~~that~~^{thought} and action frequently operated as an unconscious disguise. I knew from himself at the time that he wrote to Mr Lincoln and the general purport of his answer. I think it extremely probable that ^{we} consulted with Mr Swayne: not then a judge.

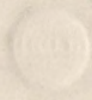
Baber was in some ^{way} a remote relative

of Mr or Mrs Lincoln. I think the tie
whatever it was, reached the
Swaynes. I do not think I saw the cor-
respondence with Lincoln: but both Swayne
and Baber talked with me about it-
"ex. post facto"

Yours truly

Aaron F. Perry

P.S. If I remember correctly I did all
I could to secure Swans nomination at
the time I refer to. It is quite possible
a few minutes conversation might renew
many recollections. I knew a good
many public men better than they were
aware of.



James C. Kelly

From, A. F. Perry
March 16, ~~1891~~ 1891.