Cincinnati, July 3, 1864.

My dear Mr. Barrett,

Your favor of the 1st inst. is at hand and content noted. With reference to the Pension Agency all I have to say is that I could not accept the position. My business requires constant attention, and is much more profitable than this office; besides I have no desire for public places. My gratitude to your kindness is just as great as if I were an applicant.

In regard to this latter and to any more interesting part of your letter, I desire to write as I would talk, to an old personal friend, and if upon you chosen to communicate with.
I have to say to Mr. Lincoln, I shall not object. I am glad your letter was not objectionable. I was intended to write to you, not regarding the course of the Gazette, but in relation to public affairs.

First, that the inquiry should be, not why does the Gazette say this and so, but does the Gazette represent public opinion? Although I am responsible for what appears in the Gazette, I do not do so as you are aware, write more than a small portion of the editorial; and I will say further that I have not opinions of all of these to which you allude, not because these were not founded on the evidence but because it was not possible for me to have been informed of the facts. But Mr. Lincoln, having been instructed, we should make the head of the worst and be dealt with. Where we could not afford, I did not adopt this policy and instructed our officers to act accordingly. But I am met with the argument that there is in the Senate dissatisfaction with Mr. Lincoln, and one opposing all his acts, will not remove the difficulty or overcome the danger of defeat with which we are threatened. Would it not be better, I am asking, for Mr. Lincoln to consult public opinion, to pay some attention to the hoary class and to try to make it understand that matters are going right, and when we find they are going wrong? Is it not better to heed and the evils that actually exist? to take the knife and remove them, than think sure eyes and cry "all right", when in fact...
It is not all right? These things perplex me. Our friends here are divided as to what course is best for us, but they are not divided as to what is Lincoln's duty. The first and first course of discreet action is in regard to the denominational condition of the Cabinet. A hence divided against itself is a dangerous thing. There should be a united Cabinet; and it should be made up of men about Lincoln, and who would command public confidence. If this were secured the public discreet action would be easier, and our prospects instead of being dark as they now are would become bright. Do not be alarmed; there is peace cheerful of defeat in October, and unless Lincoln satisfies public expectation, as appeared in the Baltimore Convention, he will be defeated. The feeling now is not as it was last fall, but it is as it was two years
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Confederate, when we were defeated, however it may seem from a Washington State point, this is the fact. The Gazette expresses but a shadow of the popular feeling. How you may rely upon you know best. Some pouring in when we are running against the Southern current. The receive letters which are not nor and our concentration is longer than it ever was; and longer than any other Western Union. This would not be so if we were not in the Southern current. Yet we desire the election of Mr. Lincoln; to do the wishes of the loyal people; but when you have the thinking men of our state, present their candidates, it shows that they
I am assured of losing the support of another class, who are powerfully
by influence better than different jurisdiction. The best way, then,
Mr.6. The result is for Mr. Lincoln
to make the way easy for
his friends, by recognizing his
Cabinet. This must be done
now. I have often the way
for N. I am glad he resigned
this policy failure; and a new
bead was necessary to a new
policy. I understand better the
people, but God would have
seen the better. What could
have been done in the bean of
Mr. Lincoln to nominate him? God
does not belong to the class of men
that the President should have
called to his assistance. Pembro
and Demian Jundt. This asked
this appointment. They are best
advisers; but of them, three
will not pass the test. In the Senate
I stuffed an act to the President.
We are indebted for the abolition
from financial ruin, while
It was a great mistake to step voluntarily under the
bounty system.

But I have written a note
and more than I intended, and
more than you will care to
read; but I must to unburden
myself.

In conclusion, allow me to assure you
that we are not "love". We
have not been disappointed in
anything personal. Office
we have not wanted; Office
we do not want. We care not
about men in a business sense,
and we are only anxious that
Mr. Lincoln may do all he
can to meet our demands. We
have but few

Truly yours,

[Signature]

[Name]