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Hon. Joseph H. Barrett

My dear Sir:

Your favor of 17th inst. I have read. I can readily understand your feelings with reference to the position you occupy; but then, I trust, you will be able to overcome sufficiently to secure a continuance of your ~~position~~ ^{services}. It is desirable that our friends should hold on as long as possible.

I have never ceased to regret your action in leaving the Gazette. I was, of course, influenced more or less by selfish motives, but I thought then that it was your interest as well as that of the paper,

To New Orleans. However, this is all
over now. But I have not
succeeded to look to you in
case of a vacancy, or an
opening and in the event of
the letter securing you work
have been from me promptly.
As matters are this matter
can be done, but what may
happen in the event of my
election to Congress I cannot
know. There has been to me
a much interesting change
the committee that I have not
mentioned my name. I have
not been near so diligent in
answering my friends. Long is
long a long course of study,
which I cannot do, and
I am therefore largely absent
when the action of the

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better class of Citizens. So they
it looks as if I would be
nominated; but I am fully
prepared for defeat if I should
come. Unwillingly, I think, I
consented to run; but I thought
I would do me good, after
working in one channel for
fifteen years, to change, tem-
perarily, and as I had not
sought the place I could honestly
take it; and to find so many
people favorable to one who had
been at the head of a political
newspaper for so long, was,
I must confess, flattering. Besides
I would go to Congress fully
determined to refuse a Re-election.
This would relieve me from

owing of the ~~the~~ Franklin
 that a known country for
 a resolution would have
 to encounter there is the
 much to be done in the
 financial has, for which
 you get, and in this
 every ~~the~~ I can have
 the best and country to
 other things. Take
 here up Sunday and
 of moments you will
 know how one
 Rich Smith