



House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., June 19th, 1876

My Dear General:

Your favor of
10th was duly received. Please
accept my thanks for your
kindness in my behalf.

I am glad you are on
the delegation to the State Con-
vention. I hope wise counsels
will prevail at St. Louis. If
we only can act harmoniously
we will succeed beyond question.
But I fear we cannot get the
Independent & soft money elements
to support Gov. Tilden. Of course

I have no objection to him -
but I cannot divest myself of the
idea that he is in some way mix-
ed up with railroad schemes, and
Wall Street stock jobbing. Our people
will not take up enthusiastically a
man who is at all doubtful
as to his record on these questions.

If we must have a hard money
man, let us have one out
west - one in whose honesty
our people have confidence -

And in this connection, why
not Col. Murrison of Ill^s?

He was a Union soldier. Has
a good record as a Democrat

and to-day holds the highest
position in the House of Representatives,
except the Speakership. He stands
out more prominently before the
Country than did Gov Hayes. &
if Illinois should name him
& stand firmly by him, he
would certainly prove to be the
"dark horse" - the great unknown.
He would be stronger in N.Y. than
Tilden - the South would heartily sup-
port him. The Germans would be
enthusiastic for him, & the Dutchians would
be equally inclined to him as to Hayes.
Think of this. Illinois could take
up Murrison & hold the Key to the Situation.

I shall not return home to
the Convention at St Louis. Hence
I do not desire to be a delegate. In
the 12th Dist. I presume ~~two~~ delegates
could be selected out side of Songman &
one from Springfield from the State at large.

What shall we do about the
deal-locks on the appropriations?
Would it not be well for the State
Convention to give its views as
to whether the House or Senate should
back down?

Let me hear from you often.
Kind regards to Mrs Keyes.

Very truly your friend,
Wm. W. Springer

To Gen. James C. Allen
Springfield Mo.