

it can be done in such a way after the election is over, as to give us the approbation of nearly all the honest members of the party in Sussex County. Right my dear Sir will triumph, though one is much abused. I am sure that justice is on our side and I am willing to make an honest effort to convince our Brethren that we are acting patriotically. It can be done when the strife is over and things can be viewed calmly & dispassionately.

I write in much haste & for your eye only. I have been confined to my room for several days by a Bronchial attack and therefore have not been able to do as much as I would like. Today I am feeling better though coughing almost incessantly, and I am going to work.

The banner is out to the breeze with Douglas and Noninterference inscribed thereon - We are beaten tomorrow but the principle will live and you and I and our gallant comrades in this fight will live I earnestly hope until the watchword of a triumphant Democracy will be, as in days of yore - Noninterference with the domestic institutions of every state & territory of this great and glorious Confederacy. Till then let us fight gallantly against secession & disunion and the whole army of miserable time-servers led by Buchanan beyond & below.

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Dear Sir:

Millston Nov 5, 1860

Yours was duly rec'd. I am very glad to hear of your being in such good spirits. I am likely to be the only vote for Mr. Reed. I think we shall give the electoral ticket several votes. Your uncle Wm. E. Burton declared last evening that he should vote the Douglas electors and for Reed. I hope he will.

In a confidential conversation with Hon. Mr. Saulsbury he expressed himself as likely to be compelled to come down publicly upon the Douglas men who are supporting Reed. He said you were a warm personal friend of his & expressed a great deal of regret at the necessity for his course. I told him we were not desirous of taking any course that would prevent the future harmony of the Democratic party; that when the present distraction ceased we should be willing to cooperate with the Democratic party upon principles; that our present course was predicated upon principle and that I should be sorry to see him do anything to increase the misunderstanding. I telegraphed last night to advise Mr. Saulsbury

this morning of our faith in the future of the Democratic party. I further told him frankly and I believe honestly that the Douglas men would not be responsible for Mr Biggs defeat as I believed other agencies were at work which could accomplish it and cited him to the offer of Mr Bayard's friends in N. Castle to change Biggs off for the Bayard Senator, and to the known fact that a certain faction in this Co. were going against him. I urged H.S.S. to let us alone in voting for our principles this fall, and to bear no bitterness rankling behind that would keep us from coming together in 1862. Democrats will be scarce enough in all consciences without any further distractions.

The course I have marked out is to be as quiet as possible; I do nothing to promote hostile feelings on the part of the Bucknidge men, most of whom in Delaware I believe to be honest democrats. Though I cannot help believing them wrong now, I believe time will bring a reconciliation. To make no effort for Reed more than quietly vote him and to get as strong a pull for our electors as we can. Mr Biggs has all the claims of a regular nomination and as we are fighting for Douglas as the regular nominee we are open to the charge of betraying

support him which we can only get around by saying that he stands upon a platform which we cannot conscientiously endorse and sanction by our votes. Our running Reed will injure our electoral ticket as there are many Biggs men who would vote our ticket who will not do so by our running Reed against their favorite. Do not understand me as being opposed to Reed. I do not see how we can throw him aside after the labor and expense he has been at to stump the State for our cause. Mr Biggs is sure to be defeated and if every friend of Douglas in Kent & Sussex were to vote for him I do not believe the result could be changed. For myself I have no sympathy for any man who makes a dunce of himself by mapping the Bucknidge play as closely around him that he cannot breathe. Strangling may be a very easy way of producing physical death but I have no doubt Mr Biggs will repent his rashness in strangling to death politically with Bucknidgeism in sackcloth and ashes for many days. Poor fellow! Providence would have saved him all this mortification.

I shall propose that the executive Committee publish an address to the democracy of this Co. setting forth their reasons for the course of in this canvass. I think