

Very Confidential

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., May 23^d, 1878.

Wm P Newman

Amelia

Leas & Barn

My Dr Billie

Your telegram received, and the P M Genl promised to appoint you, Route agent on the M + C R R from Chattanooga to Memphis.

I suppose you will be soon notified. I requested the P M Genl to address you at Arundeville care of yourself. Say nothing about this, as I do not wish it known that I have had any thing to do with it. There were 5 applicants, I wished to serve all, but there has been, but this place at my disposal, and as I kept a record of the date of each application, I gave in the name of you, his application being the first on the list, by just two days. Now in regard to my own matters. I was not very eager for the nomination last year, nor am I very eager this year, but I do not wish to be "chewed up." My only chance of defeating Moore in the Convention

in the solid vote of Madison, Jackson, & Morgan - if I
can get this, I can beat him; if I fail at this, I can't
do it - He will get I suppose Sanderson, Colburn, Franklin
I hope to get Morgan, at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lawrence - and with
Jackson & Morgan can go in, unless Limestone goes solid
for Moore - Now I am told Lowe is dead against me,
and may strive to prevent a solid vote for me in
Madison - What will he gain by this? Is he more friendly
to Moore than to me? He knows that in his contest with
Moore last year, I did not strive to keep him from a
solid vote at home - I refused to antagonize him, ~~back~~ and
gave him all the aid I could in Morgan -

Well, I write this simply to ask you in a quiet way
to help me to a solid vote in Madison, and you might
put in a word with Bollie Hill or any other friend
in Jackson - Lowe's opposition to me may nominate Moore,
but I do not see how it will help him - However I may
be mistaken about this.

Of course this is confidential - Read and
Burn this letter -

Truly your friend
Wm W Gault