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Colestanu 106; 1867 Feb. 14 FORNEY, JOHN WIEN,

To the Hon. John M. Read:

Washington, D.C. February 14th, 1867

My Dear Judge:

You must not suppose that because I have not replied to your several favors that I had neglected or forgotten them. Everything you write deserves and receives my respect. I am fully convinced however that no good could come from a newspaper discussion of the political matter in which our friend Colonel Mann is concerned, but I think I satisfaied him in my recent conversation with him of the propriety of keeping silence. What we ought to strive at now is to keep our party united for the Presidential election, taking care to put our friends in force at the national convention so as to defeat the aspirations of General Cameron. The best way to accomplish this is to call upon the good men in the Republican party to organize in their respective wards, unless this is done corruption and profligacy will continue to rule in every one of the municipal departments. I regret to say that the last two year's experience proves that Philadelphia is very little behind New York in the corruption of its officials and if the union men do not organize in the different wards the people at the elections will vote us down. On the subject of the bridge across the Delaware I would like to confer with you personally. Is it not clear to you that if such a bridge were constructed, it would promote equally the welfare of Camden and Philadelphia. If it is practicable why should it not be constructed? Could anything be more deplorable than the inconvenience to which the ferry system subjects the people on both sides? We can better understand the necessity for a bridge across the Delaware by reflecting what our condition should be without a bridge across the Schuylkill. I had no personal object in view in the article to which you refer but directed its publication in accordance with my policy of doing everything I can to promote ' the interests of Philadelphia. There is a rumor, which is generally believed, that the President is about turning tail upon the copperheads - at any rate that he is willing to make terms with Congress. But it is too late. The two Houses are a unit in the fulfilment of their obligations to the people.

Very Truly Yours J.W. Forney

Hon. John M. Read Phila, Pa.

P.S. Your two of this morning received and contents noted. I promised to give Judge Lynn of Centre County a lift for the Supreme Court but your views will bind me and I will take care to shape my case accordingly. J.W.F.

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