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My Dear Sir:

Along with the congratulations due to the season, I return you my thanks for the promptitude with which you complied with my request in bespeaking rooms for me at Browns. Unambitious as I am of show and parade, I would nevertheless not have been satisfied to have hid the person of the Vice President on the occasion of the 4th of March.

In suggesting to you the attitude in which you would be plac'd as the leader of the reform party in the House, I meant to express nothing more than my language imported viz. that if you remaind in Congress you would be regarded as the leader of a party resolved honestly upon reform, and deeply committed to that task by numerous pledges. I shall regard as nothing, nay worse than nothing, the result of the late election, if promises are to be violated and expectations disappointed. If such consequences are to follow, I would much have prefer'd a state of perfect ret recey, to the occupation of the position, unenviable in every point of view, of elevated office. You shall always find me a co-worker with yourself in the cause of the country associated as that cause is with the faithful redemption of the pledges of the whig party. I was well aware throughout of the discordancy which existed among the members of that party upon certain practical measures - but placing these discordances in the one scale, and the promised reforms in the other, I hesitated not to respond in sentiment as I had done in practice, with your toast in Philadelphia of "A union of the whigs for the sake of the

union." That union can only be preserved by moderation, and if any one faction shall set itself up as exclusives, the dissolution of the party will be most seriously threatend.

Such I confess has been my fear. The old nationals may urge their schemes too rashly - I think they are bad calculators and are too much inclind to substitute will for reason. The restraint may however be found in the strength of the southern vote, which has told too strongly in the late election to be altogether despised.

Your information as to the Cabinet may be unfounded. As late as the 21. Decr. a friend writes me from Columbus, Ohio. that Genl. Harrison was not there believed to have designated any person for his Cabinet, and I certainly have no information from himself, of his having done so. But they have their own way of doing things to the north and west. Pulse-feelers are thrown out in the newspapers, with a view to manufacture public sentiment. My confidence in Genl. Harrison leads me to think that he will do his whole duty. He will be President I firmly trust in thought and in deed. I do not believe that he will submit himself to the dictation of party. He should undoubtedly receive respectfully its suggestions, but he will doubtlessly esteem it to be his duty to decide for himself. Should he do me the honor to consult me as to the cast of his cabinet, I shall give him candidly my views, and in any event I trust that he will so acquit himself in the discharge of his delicate task, as to meet the best expectations of the country. Of your suggestions, in any interview I may have with him, I shall not fail to avail myself.

Very truly Yr Frd

John Tyler

P.S. Our friend Peyton shall have my best efforts to advance his views. I wish that in his case at least I could have my own way.