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## Letter to Hon. E. C. Walthall, January 19, 1894

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January 19th. 1894.

Hon. R. C. Walthall,  
U. S. Senator,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th. instant, inclosing a tender of your resignation of the office of Senator in the Congress of the United States, to take effect on the twenty-fourth day of the present month.

Realizing that no alternative is before me, but that I must consent to your withdrawal from the councils of the Nation, where you have served your state and mine with such distinguished ability, constancy and faithfulness, I reluctantly accept your resignation with feelings of the most sincere and profound regret, in which, I am sure, the great mass of the people of Mississippi unhesitatingly join.

While it may not be denied that Mississippi has honored you with her best gifts, she has ever been amply rewarded in the splendid achievements of her able, gifted and distinguished son.

The people of Mississippi are deeply concerned in the matter that has impelled you to the step taken, and with earnest hope and united voices pray for the restoration of your health, in which none more devoutly join than

your friend and obedient servant,

