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Jackson, Miss. March 18th. 1895.

Mess. Bishop & Winston,

Columbia, Miss.

Gentlemen:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind and appreciated letter of yesterday and to thank you heartily for the same. I realize the necessity of having my position properly before and understood by the people, but I am not quite ready to make any further public deliverance yet. It is known that I am a Democrat, that I stand squarely on the platform *of my party*, both State and National, that I have given forty years service to the Democratic party, that during that time I devoted ^{neither} to the right or left, but have stood upon the party platform and fought for its principles and pledges in every campaign, and have never scratched a ticket. At a later day I intend to present my views upon the questions before the country, and dare say that they will not differ materially from those of the intelligent masses of the Democracy of Mississippi. Notwithstanding I support the only Democratic Administration we have been able to place in power for nearly forty years, and cannot conscientiously advocate the unlimited coinage of Silver, so long as such is not an article in my party creed.

Again thanking you for your kind letter, I am, as ever,
Sincerely your friend,

Personal.

