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## Letter to Hon. L.C. Dulaney, March 29, 1895

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Jackson, Miss. March 29th. 1895.

Hon. L. C. McJaney,

Umcausby, Miss.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 26th. inst has been received and I assure you that it is duly appreciated. It will afford me pleasure to have a full, free and frank interview with you at any time we can meet. In the mean time I wish to assure you that my letter was not meant to secure your favor by any concession or misrepresentation of my feelings towards you, but I did not believe that it was just to me or to you that I should forfeit your friendship and support upon any false theory or misunderstanding, and I had believed for some time that such a state of things existed.

You thought I was prejudiced against you as a leassee of convicts, and I cannot say that I was entirely free from any such feeling in the beginning, but when I first visited your camp I told you what my impressions were, and I made the same report to the Board of Control. Subsequently when complaints were made I sent Parker to your camp to inspect for he made a favorable report, and I stood by his report and by you. And in addition to this I called the board together in special session at your request, and I do not remember any request you have made that I have not favored, and secured for you. Later I visited your camp last September, and while the "Johnson" convicts were waiting around me, I found no cause of complaint, and so stated in my report to the Board.

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And finally, as you perhaps already know, while other members favored your last contract with the State, it was through me that it was commended. These things I have done, and as I before stated, not because it was you, but because from all the surroundings-as I understood the situation, it was right, just and proper that they should be done; and it has ever been my desire to deal fairly and justly with all men, whether acting for myself, for the State or any other person or corporation.

I write this in response to your letter which seems to justify the personal and even confidential character of this writing, which I hope you will receive and treat in that light.

I would not have you construe my letter as indicating the idea that I consider you committed to my support for Senator. I fully realize that you are not, by any means; but I simply desire by this letter to place the facts before you, and abide your decision which you are at free to make as if I had never written.

Yours very truly,

