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April 22nd. 1895.

Mr. Jas. M. Lawrence.

Indianola, Miss.

My dear Sir:-

I received a letter from our friend, Capt. F. M. Andrews, in which he referred to a letter received from you suggesting that I visit your county some time soon. It has been my intention to do so, but up to this time I have not found the opportunity. I was requested to be there on the 15th. - last Monday - but other engagements prevented. I cannot now say when I can be in Indianola, but will arrange to go within the next two or three weeks. I am not quite sure whether the time has yet arrived for us to commence active work. My decided opinion ~~is~~ is that the free silver storm will soon begin to abate so that the advocates of bimetalism on a safe and sound basis may be heard with advantage. I am of the opinion that joint discussion is undesirable, and would result in no good to the candidates or to the Democratic party; especially to the latter. I think the integrity of the Democratic party is of vastly more importance to the country than are the claims or interests of any candidate, and whatever tends to widen the breach growing out of the currency question, which must be settled long before 1899, ought to be avoided, no matter what candidate or politician it affects.

Trusting that my interests will be safe in the hands of my friends in Sunflower, and that I may be honored by including your name among them, I am, my dear Sir,

Very truly yours,


