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November 4, 1895.

Hon. F. C. Catchings,
Vicksburg, Miss.

My dear Catchings:-

I have delayed writing you longer than I intended, but having nothing special or definite to write, and much to do all the time is my excuse.

I had a pleasant time in Atlanta, met the President and all the cabinet officers who were there; the attorney General and several State not being present. I had a short but very pleasant interview with the President in his parlor at his hotel. He answered me very kindly when I mentioned you to him, and after hearing me he said he would be very glad to do for you anything he possibly could, or words to that effect. The surroundings were such that I could not say as much to him as I desired, but believe that with what I have written him to-day it will avail as much as anything I could have said. I told him I would write him in a few days, supplementing what I had said. He was in Atlanta only from Tuesday afternoon until Wednesday night, and of course was in a whirl all the time. I will try to send you a copy of my letter to him, and I hope you will approve it. I confess that, cordially as he received me, and favorably as he spoke of you, I did not feel so much encouraged as I much hoped for and desired, but I think I did the best I could under the circumstances. It will be better for this correspondence to be kept quiet and confidential.

Your friend sincerely,

J. M. Stanton