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My Dear Sir,

I am not in bad spirits. I have, from an example set by yourself, ~~learned~~ reconciled my feelings to fortunes favoured and disappointments. I have no claims on the party, for I have never done sufficient to attract its notice, let alone claiming favours from it. With you it is different. Your whole life has been honestly and arduously devoted to the cause of the just. Your hairs have grown gray in defending the principles which have elevated to station and power, the very men who now attempt to crush your fortunes - your good name they cannot. It is far above the reach



of them all. I do not think there is any hope in the House for the defeat of the schemes brought forward there, <sup>by members of</sup> our own party. In the Senate, I think there is some probability that a bill cannot be passed which will give the printing out by Contract.

Again; you place too much dependence in men who you consider our friends. They are our friends as long as we do not ask favours. One Johnson would not, I believe, interfere in our behalf. Neither would Buchanan, Marcy, Bancroft or any of the Cabinet. If Mr. Polk's cabinet had been composed of a different material, they would have <sup>taken</sup> this matter of ours, which is also theirs, into their own hands, long since, and put it to rest. But what have they done for us? You have stood up to them manfully, and in their



defence made their enemies your enemies;  
yet they have not helped to sustain  
the ship that carries them safely and  
victoriously over the stormy political  
torrent. If Congress will permit us  
to go along without any interference  
In the time we are elected, you will  
have secured a handsome little  
fortune, which I advise and implore  
you, to not risk on the stormy bellows  
of political life. We may continue  
the "Union", but it must be done  
on a great scale of curtailments of  
expenses, and under the strictest economy.  
I for one am not in favour of giving  
up the ship, but to keep the flag  
mailed to the mast head as long  
possible, ~~but no longer~~ I may be,  
that the Union can be made profitable,  
- but we will argue these matters hereafter.

I send you an article enclosed to  
me for publication. You can judge whether  
it is worthy or not.  
Thos Patch & Co. Yours truly  
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