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Hon. L. P. Chase.

Dear Sir:

I was very sorry not to have seen you in Cleveland last week, but my ankle was so painful after using it at the banquet in honor of the English capitalist, that I got home as soon as I could. I wanted to call, not only to pay my respects, but to learn from you what we have to hope from the policy now in favor at Washington. I am anxious to know whether the friends of liberty are to be greeted with peace or war when Congress assembles. The weak and timid course of our party in Ohio has made me more reconciled to the accident which has kept me out of our campaign than I otherwise could have been. If we shall not be able to maintain the fight on the suffrage question alone, should we not make a preliminary resistance to immediate restoration and thereby gain time? I hope you will have the time and inclination to write me your thoughts on the gravest of all questions.

With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly your friend.

P. S. I have heard that Mr. Hutchins is in Washington laboring to secure the removal of Mr. Fasset, Col. of Int. Rev. for this district and get some friend of his appointed in his place. I can hardly think Mr. McCullough would do it without my knowledge. Do you think there is any danger of such action?

Truly,