

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

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Mr. R. H. Walker, Editor,  
Athens Democrat,  
Athens, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Walker:

I wish to apologize first for my delay in writing you. Following the election I went to New York for a few days rest and some necessary dental work, and since my return to Washington my time has been fully occupied with the consideration of the Naval Appropriation bill, the Mexican situation, which is acute, and with Hearings before the Senate and House Judiciary committees on my bill providing for an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture for sale of alcoholic beverages.

I wish now, however, to write and let you know how deeply I appreciate your loyal support during the Senatorial campaign. I know full well what financial sacrifices your devotion to principle meant. Your steadfast fight against heavy odds was heroic, and the confidence of such men and the devotion to principle of such editors as yourself has strengthened my belief, not only in human nature but in the great press of our land.

I wish to assure you that I am not only your political friend but your personal friend, and I hope that I may have the opportunity of being of service to you at some time. You have only to command any service within my power.

I am sending you herewith an open letter to the citizens of Alabama, which I should appreciate your giving space in your columns

Sincerely yours,

H-M-S.