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Albion, N.Y. 19. May.

My dear friend,

I am pretty sure that a Western man will be elected Speaker, and what you will see that some Eastern man will be a Clark. & it is possible however that they may shape themselves otherwise. I will write to one or two friends in your behalf confidentially. What I write them will of course be considered as written to all with whom my opinion may have influence. At this, however, we have one or two candidates picked. It will be necessary for me to furnish my self while writing for you to simple testimony which will tell all you can desire. Every thing seems favorable - nothing wanting but prudence, conciliation & magnanimity which I trust will not be wanting to those soon seen in N.Y.

In this all seem right. As far as addressing to defeat the general wish which seems to fail by electing a Proctor. They will not probably succeed. Should it be otherwise I trust I can accept the result with perfect equanimity, and work for the cause as sincerely as ever. Very possibly I might do still more & better in a private than in a public station.

With ancient regards,

Your friend

S.P. Allen

M. S. P. Williams

Gov. Chase
Nov. 1869.