Richmond
Nov 15, 1876

Mr. E. Washburne

My dear Sir,

I am prepared to receive your favor of the 12th inst. President Cleveland has written to me, recommending that a letter, saying that he wishes to be named for the nomination of the speaker, be read with the consent of the House. I feel it my duty to say that the day for which my name has been received has been fixed on by the friends of the house. I have been able to do my duty only by the prospect of discharge of my duty to the college and a later date will accomplish my object.
as well as an earlier day, and for the reasons which he assigns, properly below.

But I cannot go beyond this year, because all persons

are apt to make their arrangements for the New Year before

the close of this — you will please to note the change to

January 29th, December next, and make

the following addition to his text:

"Gentlemen wishing to appear

men of Professor will please to make their wishes known

to the head of major Samuel Peet of the Brann, Richmond, Virginia

in accompanying with letters of Testimonials"

and publish it once in Richmond

out in the newspapers and

New York seen. Since the

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The present notice

I would agree that the publication be made by

within the first of December

and repeated in the

New York paper the about

the 15 or 20th of December

Most respectfully

to truly yours

[Signature]

[Title]