

Dayton March 19<sup>th</sup> 1870  
C. Saballet Esq  
Dear Sir

Dear letter  
of 18<sup>th</sup> inst came duly to hand -  
and fearing that I may have said  
something which you have evidently  
construed differently from that intended  
I desire to explain - I did not  
intend to "hint" that you were doing  
nothing in this cause. but simply  
stated that reports were in circulation  
to that effect - I first heard it whilst  
at Salem, going to Portland, I heard  
it there, and the parties from whom  
it came were apparently friends of our  
cause - I claim no right nor do I  
desire to "compare notes with anyone,"  
as regards amount of services in the cause  
of our party - I am unable to do  
much either mentally or pecuniarily

but what is done is with an honest  
purpose to do my duty in all matters  
without disparaging the acts of others.

I have always regarded  
yourself as one of our prominent and  
successful partisan newspapers, and  
had no reason to doubt your active  
cooperation in the present cause,  
and it was from friendly motives  
that I apprized you of these reports  
and not through any feelings of  
censure; for I could not believe  
that you would be "such a man,"  
in efforts to secure the reelection of  
Judge Williams to the N. J. bench  
of <sup>that</sup> ~~him~~ an avowal of efforts to reelect  
him would be unpopular in portions  
of our county. and hence I have  
been in favour of making that question  
out of the cause. I have no aim  
of my own to grind but I do desire  
to see Judge Williams returned

To the W & Senate but did not desire  
to make that appear in this context  
This answer may be unwise, but  
if you are his friend, as I think  
you ought to be, you will know  
how to receive it.

Your letter was evidently  
written whilst out of good humor.  
but it is consoling to me to know,  
that others are tasting some what of  
the fruits, sweet and bitter, consequent  
upon official positions, you  
are as able to stand it as I was.  
But you will not be able to  
enter politics after this election  
as easily as you suppose.

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to  
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