

13 West 22^d St,

New York, Jan^y 30th/89.

Col W^m P. Johnston

Dear Col^l

Your letter of the 24th enclosing circular, I received by last evenings mail, & you are quite right, I do take a deep interest in all you are connected in, and do pray all your efforts will be crowned by entire success. I also received the picayune (newspaper) from you, with the article on what you desire, and ^{it} also gave me the news of all the Society news,— how very gay New Orleans was this[^] winter. I am glad Mrs J, is so well able, to meet all her friends, as you generally do at receptions and small parties.

Your discretion in placing a stove in your room, is another poof of your wisdom and judgement, which at once removes all chilliness and dampness. Mr B.C. Wetmore spent an evening with me a few evenings since, and told me he had written to you, and said he was in hopes to be able to accept your kind invite, and I do think he will, make every effort to do so. So far our winter, until to_{day} which is very very cold, has been truly a Southern one, so balmy and bright, that ^{had} I been able I should have been with you ere this, or had the trip been a shorter one, as my friends feared, my strength was not equal to the length and fatigue attending it. The Season with its associations, seemed to effect

me deeply, in suffering from nervous disability, that is very depressing and distressing. My last letter from Mrs R^{'son} she wrote so bright and happy of her 'dear hus^{d'} but since then, my letters from other friends write as you do. I am indeed happy the H.S.N.M.C.- gives you such comfort and satisfaction. I inclose a slip and do let me assure you, D.V., I will keep my word to try to make you, and my other friends a visit.

With love and kind regards to Mrs J, your girls and self

very truly Jo. L Newcomb

Editor's note:

The newspaper article attached to this letter is headlined: "The Hon. J. Randolph Tucker. One Opinion of the Man Who Says Harrison Bought the Presidency."

She again uses "D.V." as a term of affection for Colonel Johnston. What the abbreviation stands for is unknown.