

13 West 22^d St
New York Jan^y 8th/89.

Col^l W^m P. Johnston

Dear Col^l

Your letter of the 3^d with Mr Elkins address, came by last eve'^{gs} mail. I fully agree with all you write, and only wish the writer and his words were alike, which time will prove; Mr Harrison, the R's admit themselves, was elected thro' the wealth of their party, the vice pres^{dt} elect, giving himself one million,^x and the Astors, Jay Gould & Andrew Carnegie giving another million. I send you the slip I wrote you of, not thinking you wished the paper. I truly & sincerely thank Mrs J, & yrself, & also dear Mrs D^r R'^{son} for your very kind invites, & do let me assure you I am as anxious to go, as you are all to have me; so far our winter has been truly a— Southern One, X_{mas} day, & thro' the hollidays & New Years, it was balmy, bright, & beautiful. Summer wraps being comfortable, & to day is the same: after answering my morn'^g mail, which is heavy and who is worth tw^{enty}

I will make every effort to go out, altho' very miserable, as I suffer so from nervous debility, consequent upon the Sad days I am passing through at this season of the year;— 'it was God's will'—is the reason my warm, true friends here, are afraid for me to attempt so long a trip now, but later on, D.V., I may be stronger & better, as I have an engaged my faithful maid (colored) to go with me. I am very sure if it ^{is} possible Mr B.C. Wetmore will accept your kind invite, as he is most anxious to see all you have done, & so enjoyed your visits, ^{to} which he would ^{now} have also have the pleasure of seeing Mrs J, whom he knows through me, he spent an eve'^g with me a few eve'^{gs} since, which was a very delightful one.

With love to Mrs J, do please say I will answer her sweet letter of Dec^r 27th soon. Hoping your family & self are all well,

Very Sincerely

Jo. L Newcomb

Editors' note

The next letter to Colonel Johnston dated January 30th, 1889 includes the clipping with headline: "The Hon. J. Randolph Tucker. One Opinion of the Man Who Says Harrison Bought the Presidency." Perhaps this is the slip to which she refers in this letter. (Benjamin Harrison was president from 1889-1893.)

She refers to Colonel Johnston as "D.V." It is unclear what the abbreviation stands for.