

to see objects through glasses of
the same number as his - I know
it is the habit with us Americans -
in our impulsive way - to believe
every man insincere - who does
not agree with our particular
tenets - and to brand as infamous
those who don't read the same
Political Paper as ourselves - I always
did tell you that my views were
Liberal in the extreme. I cannot bear
this narrow partisan spirit which
would for the sake of Party - alone -
subvert the half of our Country to
a state of dependancy and servitude -
and the whole of it to inconveniences -
and which constantly creates & fosters
this wretched state of agitation and
unpleasant feeling - Andrew Johnson
is the embodiment of the Principles of
the Union Republican Party as embraced
in the Baltimore Platform - and time
will prove that he is right - at
it - after months of dissatisfaction,

Chas. / red Recd
June 29, 1866

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Dear Simon -

A friend of mine who
is sitting near has just said,
"if you write laudations of Clymer
and deprecations of Gary - you will
write a letter that will be suffi-
cient to brand your name with
infamy" - one can - in these enlight-
ened times, smile at this madness
of the hour - that running away
with reason - would stamp Radical-
ism - and fanaticism on every
man's conduct - a madness which
taking to itself - peculiar and
self acclimated prerogatives - attempts
to define the word Loyalty - and
to torture the much abused word
into its special definition - y^eclept
"Republicanism" - Radicalism - "Fanaticism" -
and which same violent spirit -
would for the sake of temporary

Success - of sectional advancement,
make permanent, a law - that in
the future would cause more ill
than it can possibly produce good -
I refer to the Constitutional Amendments.
And heartily thank Heaven - that
the 3^d Section in its original shameful
State - has been modified - and
that public opinion set its mighty
seal of disapproval - in unmistakable terms
upon that same Section - Talk about
men in the Past attempting to keep
this Union intact - and then look to
see what the result of their work is -
When - northern Rebels - do the utmost
in their power - to keep these two great
divided sections of our Country apart -
You said - the South shall not
leave the Union - And now - you
say, the South shall not participate
in the Union - You said - the South
shall come back - And now you
say - the South, we are determined

shall not come in - You said -
the South - never was out of the
Union - and had no right to go
out - and yet now you say - the
South is out - and must await
our pleasure to come back - Is
this consistency - is this earnest -
is this honorable - and is it conduct
worthy of a great Country - Is
this the manifestation of a spirit -
the evidence of a feeling - that
is to reunite this separated people
and restore harmony to the land -
I tell you Lincoln - it won't do -
Our zeal for our party must not
be so blind, that it leads us
into wrong - no matter what the
Party name - when the great
grand principles of Justice to all
of Truth - and true Patriotism -
cease to be written on the banners
then I cease to follow - and
recognize no man's right to
judge my conduct - because I fail

Came off about forty
were present - only Reese
Dier of our class - I was
sick and didn't go -

It's strange that you
didn't get a notice or
invitation - Hipple is Chairman -
and I couldn't ask him
why - not a very good
turn -

Heppner is the next
Chairman - and we are
going to try to have a
grand time next year -

proved Lincoln to be right & true -
and the course the President is try-
ing to pursue - is one - calculated to
win the hearts of Southern as well
as Northern people - we must not
shut ourselves up in cold heartless
cloaks - and think that we are the
only ones who were injured by the
late war - If we have our dead
to remember - so have they - if we
have our wounded - to remind us of
the past - they have theirs - if we
have our desolate homes - to speak
in terrible significance - it is the same
with them - And with all - we
know that our dead - our wounded -
our desolation - was not in vain -
while to them - only the memory of
what might have been - remains -
And if there is anything that
is abhorrent to me - it is the victor
tyranny over the vanquished -
For less cause than this - we made

war upon England - and for much less cause have whole continents been plunged into war - but since I know you are reading this all - in high indignation - you think I am awfully infatuated - And my dear friend I give you credit - for really feeling sorry for me - but I can't help it - I always follow my instincts and experience has shown that they generally lead me right - The happiest moment in my existence so far - will be when I read - next October of Stephen F. Wilsons defeat for Congress - in this Dist - if money & work & brains - will defeat him - he has no chance - But my dear fellow I won't bore you any longer - Its most to soon to answer your letter but I felt like writing this morning - Are you in Harrisburg - We have had a grand time here at U. S. Court -

There was a most interesting case - Baltimore & Pittsburg & Annapolis Railroad vs - Penna Railroad - The Penna Lawyers wins - Judge Black - Judge Levy - Thos Cuyler - the Baltimore Lawyers were - Revordy Johnson - Mr Latrobe - Mr Shriver - they argued the case for five days - I never heard more splendid speech - or sharper argument - I tell you when Thos Cuyler & Revordy Johnson argued it was Greek meeting Greek -

What a splendid man the Hon Revordy is - \$\$\$ - he should have been Chief Justice - in place of Chase -

With soon - Good Bye -

Your affec friend

Frank

The commment went off very pleasantly - the Alumni's

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