



Natchitoches, La.
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Dear Pa.

I hasten to tell you of another success. A canvass has been progressing for several weeks to see who among three candidates would get the nomination for Dist-Judge of this District. Judges Chapin, Tucker and myself are the candidates. A large meeting in Sabine Parish on Monday last sent delegates who will support me and to day I have heard from enough wards to know that I will have a large majority in this parish. I will carry every ward in this parish except one that is divided; and will no doubt get every vote in the Dist-Convention. It is very gratifying to me to know that I

am so highly appreciated, and I
know you will rejoice as much
as I do. With two candidates
against me, there is but one
neighborhood in the two parishes
that will pronounce against me.
It exceeds my own expectations,
A nomination it is thought will be
equivalent to an election, so that
I have a good chance almost a
certainty of being judge for four
years more. The salary is reduced
to \$3000, but that is better than to begin
practice again without clients. I
doubt if any lawyer here makes more.
All are well. We have not had a
Case of sickness in the family this
summer. My own health is
excellent. Two weeks from now
I begin the fall Courts, and will be
busy every day until 1 January.
Love to all
Yours Affly
D. Purser