

THE TILDEN LETTER.  
A REVIEW OF HIS PUBLIC CAREER.  
ELOQUENT REHEARSAL OF THE GREAT  
FRAUD OF 1876—A GRACE-  
FUL RETIREMENT.

NEW YORK,  
June 13, 1880  
To Delegates from the State of New  
York to the Democratic National Con-  
vention:

Your first assembling is an occasion  
on which it is proper for me to state to  
you my relation to the nomination for the  
Presidency which you and your asso-  
ciates are commissioned to make in  
behalf of the Democratic party of the  
United States.

Having passed my early years in an  
atmosphere filled with traditions of  
the war which secured our national in-  
dependence and of the struggles which  
made our constitutional system a govern-  
ment for the people by the people, I  
learned to idolize the institutions of my  
country, and was educated to believe  
it the duty of a citizen of the Republic  
to take his fair allotment of care and  
trouble in public affairs. I fulfilled  
that duty to the best of my ability for  
forty years as private citizen, although  
during all my life giving at least as  
much thought and effort to public af-  
fairs as to all other objects. I have  
never accepted official service except  
for a brief period for a special purpose,  
and only when the occasion seemed to  
require of me that sacrifice of private  
preferences to public interests. My  
life has been substantially that of a  
private citizen.

It was, I presume, the success of my  
efforts, in which one private citizen  
had shared, to overthrow the corrupt  
combination then holding dominion in  
our metropolis, and to purify the judi-  
ciary, which had become its tool, that  
induced the Democracy of the State in  
1874 to nominate me for Governor.—  
This was done in spite of the protests  
of the minority that the part I had  
borne in those reforms had created an  
antagonism fatal to me as a candidate.

I felt constrained to accept the nomi-  
nation as the most certain means of  
putting the power of the Governmen-  
tal office on the side of reform and of  
removing the impression wherever it  
prevailed, that the faithful discharge  
of one's duty as a citizen is fatal to his  
usefulness as a public servant. The  
breaking up of the local ring, the bet-  
ter management of our public works,  
large reduction of taxes and other re-  
forms accomplished during my admini-  
stration, doubtless occasioned my nomi-  
nation for the Presidency by the De-  
mocracy of the Union in the hope that  
similar processes would be applied to  
the Federal Government.

From the responsibilities of such an  
undertaking, appalling as they seemed  
to me, I did not feel at liberty to  
shrink. In the canvass which ensued  
the Democratic party represented re-  
form in the administration of the Fed-  
eral Government, and the restoration  
of our complex political system to the  
pure ideal of its founders. Upon these  
issues the people of the United States,  
by a majority of more than a quarter  
of a million, chose a majority of the  
electors to cast their votes for the De-  
mocratic candidates for President and  
Vice-President.

It is my right and privilege here to  
say I was nominated and elected to the  
Presidency absolutely free from any  
engagement in respect to the exer-  
cise of its powers or the disposal of  
its patronage. Through the whole pe-  
riod of my relation to the Presidency I  
did everything in my power to elevate  
and nothing to lower the moral stan-  
dards in the competition of parties.—  
By what nefarious means a basis for a  
false count was laid in several of the  
States I need not recite. These are  
now matters of history, about which,  
whatever diversity of opinion may  
have existed in either of the great  
parties of the country at the time of  
the consummation, has since practically  
disappeared.

I refused to ransom from the Return-  
ing Boards of the Southern States  
documentary evidence by suppression  
of which, and by substitution of fraud-  
ulent and forged papers, a pretext was  
made for the perpetration of the false  
count. The constitutional duty of the  
two Houses of Congress to count the  
electoral votes as cast and give effect  
to the will of the people as expressed  
by their suffrages was never fulfilled.  
An Electoral Commission, for the exis-  
tence of which I have no responsibility,  
was formed, and to it the two Houses  
of Congress abdicated their duty to  
make the count by a law enacted that  
the count of the Commission stand as  
final, unless overruled by the concu-  
rent action of the two Houses.

Its false count was not overruled,  
owing to the complicity of the Republi-  
can Senate with the Republican ma-  
jority of the Commission controlled by  
its Republican majority of 8 to 7. The  
Electoral Commission counted out the  
men elected by the people and counted  
in the men not elected by the people.  
That subversion of the election created  
a new issue for the decision of the  
people of the United States transcending  
in importance all questions of admini-  
stration. It involved the vital principle  
of self government through elections  
by the people.

The immense growth of the means of  
corrupt influence over the ballot box,  
which is at the disposal of the party  
having possession of the Executive Ad-  
ministration, had already become a  
present evil and great danger, tending  
to make elections irresponsible to public  
opinion, hampering the power of the  
people to change their rulers, and  
enabling men, holding the machinery  
of the Government, to continue and  
perpetuate their power.

the immunities of private life, without  
powers conferred by public station,  
subject to unceasing falsehoods and  
calumnies from partisans of any ad-  
ministration laboring in vain to jus-  
tify its existence, I have, nevertheless,  
steadfastly endeavored to preserve, to  
demonstrate to the Democratic party  
of the United States the supreme issue  
before the people for their decision  
next November, whether shall be a  
Government by sovereign people  
through elections, or a government by  
discarded servants holding over by  
force and fraud; and I have withheld  
no sacrifice and neglected no opportu-  
nity to uphold, organize and consoli-  
date against the enemies of represen-  
tative institutions the great party  
which alone under God can effectually  
resist their overthrow.

Having now borne faithfully my full  
share of labor and care in the public  
service and venting the works of its  
burdens, I desire nothing so much as  
an honorable discharge. I wish to lay  
down the honors and toils of even  
quasi party leadership and to seek the  
repose of private life.

In renouncing the nomination for the  
Presidency I do so with no doubt in  
my mind as to the vote of the State of  
New York or of the United States; but  
because I believe it is a renunciation  
of re-election to the Presidency. To  
those who think my nomination and  
re-election indispensable to an effectual  
vindication of the right of the people  
to elect their rulers, violated in my  
person, I have accorded as long a re-  
serve of my decision as possible, but I  
cannot overcome my repugnance to  
enter into a new engagement, which  
involves four years of ceaseless toil.  
The dignity of the Presidential office  
is above a merely personal ambition,  
but it creates in me no illusion. Its  
value is as a great power for good to  
the country. I said four years ago, in  
accepting the nomination:

"Knowing as I do therefore from  
fresh experience how great a dif-  
ference there is between gliding  
through an official routine and  
working out a reform of a system of  
politics, it is impossible for me to con-  
template what needs to be done in the  
federal administration without an anx-  
ious sense of the difficulties of the  
undertaking. If animated by the  
suffrages of my countrymen to at-  
tempt the work, I shall endeavor,  
with God's help, to be an efficient  
instrument of their will."

Such a work of renovation, after  
years of misrule, such a reform of sys-  
tems and politics to which I would  
cheerfully have sacrificed all that re-  
mained to me of health and life is now,  
I fear, beyond my strength.

With unfeigned thanks for the hon-  
ors bestowed upon me, with heart  
swelling with emotions of gratitude to  
the Democratic masses for the support  
which they have given to the cause I  
represented and their confidence in  
every emergency, I remain  
Your fellow-citizen,  
SAMUEL J. TILDEN.

—We reproduce testimony which  
goes to prove that the Republican  
candidate for the Presidency is a  
hard one. And we remind the peo-  
ple who intend to believe in the man,  
whether or no, that this testimony is  
taken from the official proceedings of  
a meeting of his own party and his  
own constituency, in his own Con-  
gressional District.

—The acquittal at Marshal, Tex-  
as, of Currie, who brutally murdered  
Porter, the actor, and shot Barry-  
more, was on the ground of insanity.  
Certainly that peculiar kind of cra-  
ziness which impels a man, who is  
rational when sober, to get drunk  
and then to murder simply because  
he is drunk, should be dealt with in  
some severe manner than that sup-  
plied at insane asylums.

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WEDNESDAY  
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Evening, June 30!  
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