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Dear Sir:

Believing that you are interested in a capable and fair administration of the Land Office at Washington during the incoming administration, I take the liberty of writing you in behalf of my friend, Mr. Edward A. Bowers, formerly of South Dakota, but now a practicing attorney in Washington.

I call your special attention to the enclosed letter from Justice Lamar to Mr. Cleveland endorsing Mr. Bowers for this place. As will be seen, Mr. Bowers has filled, with credit, a place in the Land Department already.

I have known Mr. Bowers intimately for very many years, both in a social and business way. He has handled successfully for me the intricate Dayton case at Aberdeen and is the only attorney who secured a favorable decision on that very complicated affair. Judge Wilson, who is now with the Omaha Railroad, knows all about Mr. Bowers, and if you are sufficiently interested to see him, he can tell you of his qualifications.

I would appreciate it very much if you will assist Mr. Bowers in this matter in any way.

As you will see by the heading of this letter, I have drifted back into my old business and have the management of this Company.

I will be glad to see you at any time you are in New York.

Very truly yours,

J J McChesney

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Washington, D. C.,
Dec. 20th, 1892.

Hon. Grover Cleveland,
New York City, N. Y.

My Dear Sir:

It is not often that one can at the same time gratify a personal desire and serve one's country to the best advantage in filling an office, but in calling your attention to Edward A. Bowers, I feel that this is possible. Otherwise, believe me, I should not at this time suggest his name to you as a man fulfilling all the requirements for Commissioner of the General Land Office.

You may recollect that Mr. Bowers was my Inspector of the Public Land Service, who managed with complete success and consummate skill the question of the removal of the illegal fences, maintained in spite of law and morals, around vast areas of the public lands by cattle syndicates.

Mr. Bowers came to me as a stranger but highly recommended as a graduate of Yale, who had been practicing law in Dakota for some years. After an intimate acquaintance with his course during my service as your Secretary, I formed the highest opinion of his ability as a lawyer and an officer; and his character as a gentle man of perfect honesty and of attractive personality, compelled my warm personal esteem. He comes of good Connecticut Democratic stock, and his appointment would be gratifying there as well as in the West.

I am sure, from the conscientious and judicious performance of the responsible duties before entrusted to him, and the experience then gained, you would have an assurance that Mr. Bowers, in the larger sphere of Land Commissioner, would so conduct that office as to reflect credit upon your administration, and relieve you from any possible embarrassments that might arise in that difficult branch of the government.

I have no wish to urge this appointment if it in any way interferes with your plans, but I am confident that should you appoint Mr. Bowers you would ultimately be as much pleased as I should be now.

With continued expressions of my warmest esteem, believe me as ever,

Your devoted friend and obedient servant,

(Signed) L. Q. C. Lamar.