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Dear Sir :-

In the circular issued on the 11th of January last, we stated that the main object of the Tariff Reform Committee of the Reform Club was to do all in our power to secure the nomination and election of a President of the United States pledged to radical Tariff Reform. At the time the circular was issued its prospects for success were not promising. We were, however, profoundly impressed with the belief that the masses of the Democratic party throughout this country earnestly desired relief from taxation and the nomination of a candidate pledged to true Tariff Reform; and immediately after the issue of that circular we started the campaign which was concluded at Chicago on the 23d of June. A number of the members of this committee, aided and assisted by other members of the Reform Club have devoted their entire time and all of their energies to the conduct and management of this movement in the State of New York, and to assist in its development and growth in other States. The matters are too recent and too public to require specification of detail. The Committee itself is not given to self-praise and is, indeed, indifferent whether the credit of the result be awarded in whole or in part to it or be claimed by others. But the great fact remains that the declaration of principles contained in the Constitution of the Reform Club, applicable to the tariff and applicable to our currency, constitutes to-day the platform of the Democratic party adopted at the Chicago Convention, and that Grover Cleveland, the most honored member whose name appears on the roll of the Reform Club, is to-day the candidate of the same party for the Presidency of the United States.

It is our earnest desire to secure the entire fruition of this great result by the successful election of Grover Cleveland as President of the United States. For this purpose we propose to continue our work with renewed energy. We wish to satisfy the

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great masses of voters that a protective tariff does not tend to increase the wages of the workman, but on the contrary tends to decrease them. We wish to satisfy them that a protective tariff does increase the prices of the necessaries of life, and that the truth in regard to this matter cannot be reached by comparing the prices of to-day with prices in years gone by, but that the true test is obtained by comparing the prices of the articles in this country with the prices at the same period of the same or similar articles in other markets. We wish to satisfy the great masses of the voters that the chief end and object of the protective system is to develop in this land the most baneful of all industries, the "manufacture of the millionaire." We wish to satisfy these masses that wealth which is not the reward of labor, but which is the unnatural product of laws passed for the benefit of favored classes, is of necessity drawn out of the substance and savings of the poor and is for that reason a cruel and unjust burden to the community.

The proper presentation of these subjects requires, as you know, careful research, experienced writers and capable speakers, but the present campaign presents to the friends of Tariff Reform an opportunity for the triumphant establishment of their principles which may never again recur.

We, therefore, do not hesitate to appeal to you again for assistance and to ask you for a liberal and generous subscription. Place the means at our disposal, and we promise you to place the truth before the people, so that the verdict they are to render next November will vindicate our cause and elect our chosen candidate President of the United States.

Yours truly,

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John L. Cadwalader, Esq.,

My dear Cadwalader:-

I have just returned from my fishing trip and am anxioux to learn, before you sail for Europe, just how the negotiations for the lease of the Grand Casapediac stand.

I think the present time is particularly favorably, and that the matter should be pushed very promptly, if we wish to accomplish any result.

The Governor General either has or is about to resign, and will not, therefore, be interested in opposing the lease. The new Governor General probably will be, and I doubt, very much, if anything could be done in face of series opposition from this quarter.

The financial situation of the Province of Quebec, as you doubtless know, is at a very low ebb, and the chances of obtaining a long lease for a consideration are proportionately better.

There is another fact which should not be lost sight of, namely, the increased talk, during the last few months, of the probability of the Government leasing the river and the consequent-

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ly increased risk of some one else stepping in ahead of us.

I would suggest your writing to Mr. Hill and, if it is not possible to get an answer from him before you sail, ask him to communicate directly with me and as soon as possible.

In case matters have not reached some more or less definite point, and knowing Mr. Hill to be too busy a man to attend to details in person, would it not be wise for me to take the matter up myself with him? This I should say could best be done by his introducing me to whoever he intends to employ to take charge of the matter in Canada, telling or writing such individual in advance that we were interested with him, and that I being more particularly familiar with the details, could more readily explain just what we wished to accomplish.

If Mr. Hill has not been able to do anything and is not likely to be able to give the matter attention at once, if you think it best, I will take hold myself and see what I can do through other channels. What I wish to emphasize is the importance of immediate action, either through Mr. Hill or direct, and to signify my willingness and desire to follow the matter up through either channel by going to Quebec in person.

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I consider the river, as you know, decidedly the best thing there is which is, as I understand, what we want and I don'nt care to take any more chances than are absolutely necessary about losing it.

Sincerely yours,

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