

To Lewis Linn, Foreett

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A. J. Clarke Esq

Dr Sir, I called at  
 your office after I saw you  
 when going to poll. you  
 said you would leave an  
 order or some paper which  
 would empower me to act  
 as your scrutineer, you  
 did not leave it so I could  
 do no more than I did  
 go voted for you I only  
 saw your name on the  
 ballot paper <sup>papers</sup> fit to remain  
 intact, I don't which feeling  
 at first was uppermost in my  
 mind when I saw the fatal  
~~error~~ number borrow

a Surprise, I know which  
is uppermost ~~and~~ since I  
now, however you have  
one consolation you are  
~~the~~ amongst thinking men  
The popular Politician  
of the day. I hope I trust  
you will yet become  
what I told a most  
virulent opponent of yours  
to fight that you would  
become, in Politics The  
~~Idol of~~ politician of  
every circle ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
Idol of your own, he  
laughed immensely at  
~~at~~ this time he fought  
under your colors

So never mind There  
is in all cases (at least)  
notwithstanding we can  
find balm in Gilead  
& you can have the inward  
satisfaction of knowing  
that you are a  
greater Statesman out  
of Parliament than your  
opponents ever can be  
in it.

hoping you will have  
better organization next  
next time I remain yours

Faithfully

Fred. Thorne

(Although they may call us)