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Hon. S.L.Ferguson,  
Appomattox Va.

Dear Senator Ferguson:-

Your letter of the 29th. of Sept. 1927 was received together with letter from Dr.F.S.Johns to you and a copy of your reply to him,all of which I am returning to you as requested.

It is doubtful if you realize how much I appreciate your loyalty and your kindness to me. I could not refrain from showing your correspondence to my wife and children and bind them to you,as well as myself. never to let an opportunity escape them to do you a kindness and I have their assurance. You may always remember that the entire Davies family are with you always and under all circumstances.

I feel that I have a good majority of the Senators,if not all of them,

As you know I solicited the support of all of them at the extra session and obtained their promise and I also wrote each of them at the time Dr. Henning announced his candidacy, reminded them of their promise and I have had reply's from about 17 or 18 confirming their promise. I have had no request to be relieved from the promise and I have a right to assume that the others are with me. Among the ones who promptly answered and reassured me of there support were: Sen. Ball,Barron, Booker,Conner,East,Garrett,Holt,Layman, Vaughan,Wickham,yourself and several others I cannot recall.I also have the assurance from J.E.Henley that he has the promise of Sen. Daughty,Enner and others for me. I had no reply from Senators Buchanan,Holladay,Jeffreys,Kendig,Stubbs,Thompson, Smith,Swank or Woodson,but have right to fully depend on them as they promised me and have not asked to be relieved. Ofcourse I feel that Sen. Kendig will support my apponant. With this you can see that I have right to fully depend on my election. I feel very sure of several of these who have not answered as they are personally very friendly to me and I feel that they do not think it necessary to reaffirm their promise.

I have also received very favorable letters from the new nominee's: Mr. Wright,Reid,Gilliam and Staples but would appreciate a word from you to them and the other Senators who have not answered me, if I am not asking too much of you.