

Head Quarters, Middle Department, 8th Army Corps,
Baltimore, October 28 1864

My dear sir

Only pressing business has prevented me from acknowledging sooner your kindness in sending the votes etc. I did not care to explain why I wanted them more fully for fear my letter may be lost etc. The N.Y. Ajt's were here and I knew they were implicated in [] frauds so that I did not want them to know that we suspected them and I preferred to get tickets from other sources. The frauds are the most astounding and if they had suspected that we were on their tracks, they would have been [] and the good effect of the developments would have been lost. Enclosed you will find an ext from this morning's Bal American. I will transmit all the news as it transpires etc.

With best wishes for yourself and family

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Oliver Matthews

I am very busy on account of the absence of Col Lancer. He will not be back for a month yet, so that I [] the Dept alone.

M