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New Brunswick

March 23rd 1855

My Dear Uncle;

Your favour of the
20th inst reached me last evening -
I have to offer you my kindest
thanks for your endeavours to
procure me the Secretaryship of
your Iron Association - Upon
the receipt of the news that my name
had been proposed I addressed a
note to the committee - asking them
to inform me of the duties required
from their Secretary - the emoluments
of the office and when his presence
would be required - Not knowing
their address I enclosed it in a
letter to George North George - requesting
him to hand it to them - Since then
I have heard nothing - and have
not been able to leave here to go on

to Philad^a - I have so few friends
or acquaintances in Philad^a that
I can hope for but little from any
thing they could do for me - and
fear from the number of applicants
that I hear are making efforts for
the place - that I should have but
a poor chance - Still if you think
I could do any thing - or your
opinion would be of any avail
and the situation paid any thing
I would be glad to make an effort
I can not leave here at present
not for a week or more - and
would like to know something
more about the matter - If you
can give me any information -
or could induce the committee
to answer me - I would be much
obliged -

You seem to have had a hard
time of it for some months back -
I really sympathize with you -
and trust better luck may be in
store for you for the future -
I am glad you have given up Blair -
I only wish you could give up
Indiana as easily - When Spring
opens and business takes a start -
I am well look up - Though the
demand created by Rail Roads
will in a great measure cease -
Please let me know - if any thing
more can be done about the
Secretaryship - and what you
think the best method of proceeding -
Give my love to Aunt Hetty
and Sylvester - and let me hear
from you when you have time -
Sue is well and sends her love -
Yours very affectionately
Wm. F. Newman