

At home 31st July 1876

Mr Lohan. Given dear Sir I take this
method to announce myself an independent candidate for
reelection. The county convention was packed against me by Col.
Henry, who it is said is the grandson of the immortal Patrick Henry
and the hon. Capt Wm D. Thurman & that water set generally
since you see the fearful political goliath^s which I have to
contend with, I am sure that it will require all of my power
& all of all my friends power to succeed. for John George
used to give Col. Henry a good name because he said that
he knew that Mrs H would not live with him unless he
was a chaste Christian gentleman. And Capt. Thurman
you know lived on the war and politics during the four years of
the war. done all he could to defeat the confederacy, and
succeeded, but it left him poor. he now wants to succeed
by loud professions of democracy, packed conventions to
please announce me an independent candidate, and
be assured that ^{any} thing which you may do for me will be gratefully
received & promptly returned. I expect to see you at circuit court
yours with respect
John Roddy