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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 5, 1909

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have been here attending the Inauguration and called to see you to pay my respects, but you were busy and I did not get to see you. My object in writing is to tell you that I will greatly appreciate any favors that you may be able to show me in the way of committee assignments for the 61st Congress. My preferences are the following committees:

Invalid Pensions, Indian Affairs, District of Columbia and Public Buildings and Grounds.

If you are going to recognize the Southern Republican members on the last named committee, please consider my name.

There is a bright little boy in my District who would like to be a page. Will there be any chance for him? He hails from the grand old county of Wilkes, whose republican majority in last election exceeded 1700.

My people in the 8th District are proud of the victory we won last Fall and they are expecting me to receive good treatment in the matter of committee assignments, etc. Please do the very best you can for me.

I leave to-night for my home at Wilkesboro, N. C., and will return the last of next week for the extra session.

With highest personal regards, I remain,
Sincerely yours,

Chas. H. Cowles. 8th N.C. Dist.