matter would properly come under the duties of a delegation representing us at Washington City. For this and other reasons, among which I may mention the constant danger of sectionization and territorialization which is menacing us: and the great difficulties which have to be over-come in the collection of the various claims held against the United States by our Government and people: it would be well for us during the present session of Congress to have an able delegation at the United States seat of Government - Trusting that you will be guided in all your deliberations by Wisdom and prudence.

I am

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

B. E. Porter

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Done at Executive Office)

December 6th 1879