Boston, Sept. 19, 1876

My dear Sir: I am told you are one of the Democratic delegates to the Senatorial Convention; and also, that there is some probability that your delegation will vote for Hon. Underwood. Demas has but two Senators - Underwood and J. K. P., since you went with him also. However, I don't care so much myself about localities; I think we ought to look first for capable men. At any rate, I suppose it is quite doubtful if Mr. Underwood would stand much chance of a nomination. As if not, I suppose your people
just when you were satisfied
of that fact.
If it comes to that, I should
be very glad of your support
myself as a candidate;
if you think right and proper.
That is all I want to say to
you on the subject.
Our good friend, Butterfield is
actively - I suppose
in part from a desire to
aid Senator Benton
for a re-election. I do not know
but I might vote for him
myself. I did when in the
House in 1873. But I think
it is much better for a
man to go unpledged, and
to see who are the other candidates
and act according to circumstances.

Very truly yours,

Capt. Prince B. Cowell
John B. Cogswell
East Dennis
Sept. 18th 1876

My dear Sir:

I am told you are one of the Dennis delegates to the Senatorial Convention; and also, that there is some probability that your delegation will vote for Mr. Underwood\(^9\). Dennis has had two Senators – Underwood and J.K.B.\(^10\) – since Yarmouth had one. However, I don’t care so much myself about the localities; I think we ought to look first for capable men. At any rate I suppose it is quite doubtful if Mr. Underwood would stand much chance of a nomination. And if not, I suppose your people would vote for some one else when you were satisfied of that fact.

If it comes to that, I should be very glad of your support myself, as a candidate, if you think right and proper. That is all I want to say to you on the subject.

Our good friend, Dr. Pineo is running actively – I suppose in part from a desire to aid Senator Boutwell for a re-election. I do not know that I might vote for Mr. B. myself. I did when in the House in 1873. But I think it is much better for a man to go unpledged, and see who are the other candidates and act according to circumstances.

Very truly yrs.

John B. D. Cogswell

Capt. Prince S. Crowell

East Dennis

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\(^9\) Marshall Sears Underwood of South Dennis.

\(^10\) Joseph Kelley Baker of Dennisport.