CAUSES OF BREAK WITH COL. HARVEY TOLD BY TUMULTY

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might result in a serious break in their relations. The Governor seemed grieved at this and said that he hoped such was not the case; that even after he had expressed himself so freely, Colonel Harvey had been most kind and agreeable to him and that they had continued to discuss in the most friendly way the plans for the campaign and that the little conference had ended without apparent evidence that anything untoward had happened that might lead to a break in their relations. We then discussed at length the seriousness of the situation, and as a result of our talk the Governor wrote Colonel Harvey and endeavored to make clear what he had in mind when he answered the question put to him by the Colonel at the Club conference a few days before, not, indeed, by way of apology, but simply by way of explanation. This letter to the Colonel and a subsequent one went a long way toward softening the unfortunate impression that had been created by the publication of the Harvey-Watterson correspondence. The letters are as follows:

(Personal)

University Club,
Fifth Avenue and Forty-fourth Street, Dec. 21, 1911.

My Dear Colonel:

Every day I am confirmed in the judgment that my mind is a one-track road and can run only one train of thought at a time! A long time after that interview with you and Marse Henry at the Manhattan Club it came over me that when at the close of the interview you asked me that question about the Weekly I answered it simply as a matter of fact and of business, and said never a word of my sincere gratitude to you for all your generous support, or of my hope that it might be continued. Forgive me, and forget my manners! Faithfully yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

To which letter Colonel Harvey sent the following reply:

(Personal)

Franklin Square,
New York, Jan. 4th, 1912.

My Dear Mr. Wilson:

Replying to your note from the University Club, I think it should go without saying that no purely personal issue could arise between you and me. Whatever anybody else may surmise, you surely must know that in trying to arouse and further your political aspirations during the last few years I have been actuated solely by the belief that I was rendering a distinct public service.

The real point at the time of our interview was, as you aptly put it, one simply of fact and of business, and when you stated the fact to be that my support was hurting your candidacy, and that you were experiencing difficulty in finding a way to counteract its harmful effect the only thing possible for me to do in simple fairness to you, no less than in consideration of my own self respect, was to relieve you of your embarrassment so far as it lay within my power to do so, by ceasing to associate your nomination. That, I think, was fully understood between us at the time, and, acting accordingly, I took down your name from the head of the Weekly's editorial page some days before your letter was written. This seems to be all there is to it.

Whatever little help I may have felt it in my power to give the newly projected presidential aspirations of your friends, I felt, of course, should be rendered to your generous nature. Very truly yours,

GEORGE HARVEY.

To Colonel Harvey after November 1st:

Hotel Astor,
New York, Jan. 31, 1912.

Mr. Dear Colonel Harvey:

Awkwardness and conflict as was your letter of Jan. 4th in regard to things more than I can readily enumerate at this moment, because in its perfect frankness it shows that I did hurt you in what I said to Governor Wood at the Knickerbocker Club. I am very much ashamed of myself, for there is nothing I am more solicitous of than that I should never, if I can help it, misunderstand the kind and generous friendship you have always shown me. I wonder if you can realize how much I depend upon it, and how much I am cheered by it in these trying days. Perhaps you do, for you have a wonderful insight into the motives of your friends, and I am sure you know that I am not capable of a deliberate act of disloyalty to you. I do not know what I said to Governor Wood that was so unfortunately misunderstood, but I know that I was speaking in the most intimate way about the fight we were making, and I cannot believe that I could have been guilty of such a breach of friendship as to speak of you in any but the warmest and most appreciative way. I do not remember what I said, but I do remember that it was about what we discussed at the Manhattan Club, namely, the fact that you were not in any way committed to my candidacy, and that I was not in any way committed to your candidacy, and that I was free to do what I could for the country without any embarrassment to you. I am sure that Governor Wood will be glad to bear testimony to the fact that I did not say anything else than this, and I am sure that he will be glad to do it because he has been a loyal friend of mine and of the country ever since we first became acquainted with each other. I am ashamed that I should have been guilty of such a lapse of memory, and I am ashamed that I should have been guilty of such a lapse of judgment as to speak of you to Governor Wood in any other than the warmest and most appreciative way. I do not know how I could have been guilty of such a thing, but I know that I was not guilty of it in any disloyal spirit. I am sure that you will believe me when I say that I would not do anything in the world to lessen your confidence in me, and I am sure that you will believe that I am speaking the truth when I say that I am ashamed that I should have been guilty of such a lapse of judgment as to speak of you to Governor Wood in any other than the warmest and most appreciative way. I do not know how I could have been guilty of such a thing, but I know that I was not guilty of it in any disloyal spirit. I am sure that you will believe me when I say that I would not do anything in the world to lessen your confidence in me, and I am sure that you will believe that I am speaking the truth when I say that I am ashamed that I should have been guilty of such a lapse of memory, and