

## **William Mahone Writes About Election Fraud, Letter, 1885**

### **Transcription**

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Dear Mr. Yost:

I have yours of the 12th, and agree with you that the field never looked better for success. It is apparent that the only hope of the Democracy is in foul methods, and ballot box frauds. They do not disguise the purpose to practice these whenever they can as their only hope of success. It is our only danger against which nothing will guard, expect resolute action on the part of our friends.

We will need to watch these people everywhere closely—at the ballot box and notably in the black counties.

I hope your health may be quickly restored, and that we shall have the good effect of your vigorous campaign in the canvass.

Yrs truly,

Mahone

S.M. Yost, Esq. }

Staunton, Va. }

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