



Letter from J. B. Lake to Mississippi Governor William L. Sharkey; July 4, 1865

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Cambridge Maryland
July 4th 1865
Honorable Wm. L. Sharkey
Jackson Miss.
My Dr Sir

I have taken the liberty of addressing you a few times, first to express to you the great pleasure it gave me at seeing it announced in the news papers, of your appointments by the President, Provisional Gover=nor of the State of Mississippi,

Secondly, if not incompatable with your office, to let me know the policy which will govern you respecting the negroes. I am anxious to [carry?] [on?] the planting interest in the state and will, provided the negros will be compelled

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to him at fare wages and to remain at their homes for twelve months, This would not only enable the planter to [pitch?], but work and gather his crops. Unless some such policy be inaugurated the planting interest of the state in my judgement ^must^ be intirely destroyed, and bankruptcy and ruin the inevitable result.

I had the pleasure of knowing you ^personally^ some thirty years ago, we were then both citizens of Vicksburg, and am happy to say did form a high estimate of your character at that time

My Brother W A. Lake was one of your [earnest?] admirers. As my Movements will be much goverened by your reply to this letter, giving me your views respecting be policy to the pursued governing the south, and particularly the state of Mississippi, I shall wait

with deep interest for your reply. Hoping to hear for you soon,

I am [with?] [much?]
[Respect?] yrs truly
J B Lake

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J. B. Lake
wants to know what the policy will be in this state in regard to the negro

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