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Mr Edw, I salute you as
Speaker pro-tem & deprecate
you as a correspondent, so
slow & so uncertain, like
an old Coach on a dirt road.
If you suppose I am a gentleman
of leisure you are in error all,
I am struggling with an
Epistolary storm, all the
while, poured on me by applic-
=ants for office & their friends.
Appropos to this, Tho. Brown
has written me for the Dayton
P.O., I do not answer, as I have
enough to do of my own.
The Ohio Legislature has done
well this winter, Abolitionism
or the Country must go down,
there are the alternatives,
The Convention of Comm. &
respond to Va is I think a
healthy move. Send your first
rate men, we have enough of
every other kind already here.
The Congressional mind is
narrow, selfish & timid.

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