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My dear Brown,

Received by the last Mail your welcome favor, and am glad to hear that our friend Levy will run so well over in that quarter. Messrs Patterson & English when they arrived from Tallahassee, took great pains to inform the people here that Levy would get no votes at all over that way, and Patterson went so far as to say, that Levy told him he had not the least hope. I saw the course that they were taking & told Patterson if he went against Levy, he forfeited all the pledges he made to us at his Election & that he would be used, up, he however did not think so, & went his own course. The result of the Election will show who was right. In the whole District Levy received One hundred & forty five & Ward received only eighteen votes, leaving a Majority for Levy of One hundred & twenty seven. That is doing pretty well but not as well as we would have done by fifty votes, had it not been for an

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accident. At the request of Saramia  
& Tortugas. all the wrecking vessel went  
out as usual early in the morning to  
Cote the Reef & see if there were any  
wrecks & it came on so calm it was  
impossible to get back in time however  
I think we have done our part & if  
you have done as well over your way  
there can be no doubt of the result.

I have taken a very active part in this  
election, probably more so than I ought  
to have done, considering the office that  
hold, but I could not help it. Gery I consider  
one of my best friends & I could not stand  
by & see him dealt unfairly with. If  
I should get into any trouble I know he  
will help me out. Write to me again  
soon. I believe me

Very truly  
Your friend  
T. S. Brown

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