

HIS POSITION.—The Solano Press having stated that J. F. Houghton, State Surveyor General, had been working in that county for the interests of the Low wing of the Union party, that gentleman writes from this city a letter dated on the 5th, two days after the Governor's letter of withdrawal was published, in which he says :

“ My object in writing the letters referred to was, not to favor the chances of any individual for election to the United States Senate, but, simply, to use my humble efforts to preserve intact the organization which has preserved our country successfully through four years of desolating war to final victory, until such times as all the questions growing out of it shall be settled to the satisfaction of those loyal people of the country who stood by the old flag in its hour of danger.

This must be done through some political organization, and I know of none in this State with which it can be so safely trusted as the present Union party. In this Senatorial contest persons have not been called upon to take sides upon important political issues fairly announced, but a disruption of the Union party is threatened in several counties of the State because candidates favorable to the aspirations of this or that individual have not been nominated.

In such a contest I must be excused from taking any other part than endeavoring to preserve the organization.”

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