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Description: Hannibal Hamlin wrote to George F. Shepley explaining why
he was not supporting his nomination as circuit court judge.

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