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Feb. 16, 1853

Dear Sir.

I hurt that you will not understand me as saying that Capt. Evans had informed me that you wished me removed. He did not say so, nor do I understand that you wish my removal. With your permission I will call on you and I hurt that I can so explain my conduct, or atone for it as will be satisfactory to you. Until then I will remain in the office as Gen. Shields declines to advise. Very Respectfully

H. K. Davis

U. S. Hotel
Monday 16th 1853

N. R. Davis
About his Office,
here and will
Call on you.

Private — Washington 16 Feb. 1853.

Dear Sir,

In our conversation a day or two ago, I understood you to say that the President declined communicating to the Senate the propositions relative to the affairs of Central America agreed upon by Mr. Webster & Mr Crampton on the 30th of last April. —

You will find them in the President's confidential Message to the Senate of the 13th of August last, which was confidentially printed at that time. —

With much regard.

faithfully Yours

Edward Everett.

Hon.

Judge Douglas.

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P. S. — The newspaper reports represent you as saying the other day that the "Monroe doctrine" had always been regarded with favor by the democratic party. Pardon me for calling your attention, in this connection, to the debates on the Panama Mission in the two houses of Congress in the Session of 1825 — 26.

Edward Everett
Washington
Birthday

Indianapolis, Indiana
February 18th 1853

Friend Douglass

I have one favor to ask at your hands, and that is that you will see that my friend Rev. Wm M. Dailey, of Indiana (whom you know) is appointed to the post of Recorder of the Land Office. His position would suit him, he is well qualified. He has fought long and valiantly in the Democratic cause. He is poor, his health is very bad, wholly unable to discharge his duties as a Minister. You could assist no man, more worthy, nor any better friend of yours and mine. I do believe you can succeed in obtaining for him, this situation. He has an interesting family, two children dependent upon him, and I do not see how he is to get along without some means of this kind. He is a man of decided ability. You remember he was our Chaplain in 1844.

You could not make a more popular appointment, nor could you assist in making one, that would be more acceptable to your friends in Indiana. Pettit will aid you. I do not often trouble my friends with sol-

jects of this kind, but I do assure you Judge, that I feel a deep interest in the success of my friend Wm M. Dailey.

Yours Most Respectfully

Joseph A Wright

Joseph A Wright's
Office
Indianapolis
Ind

Springfield Feb 20th 1853
(Confidential)

Dear Douglass

I wrote you on yesterday in regard to Cal Allen who is after the office of Marshall that Letter was for the Public eye Written on his strong importunities. It is an appointment "that is not fit to be made."

Unluckily for me I have been unable to refuse to sign all the various recommendations that have been presented me for office and therefore have refused none & have signed all. Still I will define my position as your petitioners say for our Past Office C. L. Bunge & John S Bradford are applicants Mr Bunge is a clever man but not fit for that place Bradford will do very well I should judge but he is not the man we ought to have

If Edward Jones would accept of it he is the best man I know of now

John Carmolly seen wants the registers office and he ought to have it. he is a very worthy man as true as Steel and without a cripple and the office will aid him

Between Ned Connor and Keys for the receivers office, there is little to choose still. Either of them will give good satisfaction //

By the by our friend Colby Kreapp is a candidate for "Marshall" and a first rate man and if you select a man from the center he ought to have the preference over Col Allan by all means.

// I would like to be appointed U.S. Marshall for this distrct myself but I cannot go through the ordeal of importuning friends for their good offices in my behalf. //

If in casting about for a man for that place you can find no other one on whom you can urge the place I will accept of it. and as I have done heretofore, as you well know, do all I can for our cause which I shall continue to do even without an office.

Any one can get an array of names who has an abundance of assurance

I shall be pleased to hear from you, and in case you need my opinion of or about any one you can have it without stint

Yours truly
V. Hickox

Marshall

V. Hitt

Springfield

Margarita, (near Homossassa P.O.

Private

Feby 20. 1853.

Dear Sir

Here goes for a business letter, relative to one or two Florida matters that may have a bearing upon your interests.

Dr Samuel R Spencer was my associate Delegate at Large in the Balt. convention. He unflinchingly preserved his integrity, and from first to last maintained your Cause, which he knew to be the desire of the State convention. He was the Collector at Apalachicola under Mr Polk, was ejected by Taylor & will desire a restoration. He is worthy. But the influences he resisted at Balt. will now turn upon him with the view to punish him by opposing his reappointment.

Dr Westcott was the instrument employed to manage within the Delegation the intrigue and manoeuvre by which one of the votes of Fla. was given to Dickinson. This person will be pressed, by the same influence that used him, for Surveyor General, the most important and influential Federal office in Florida. His appt will be opposed by Mr Maxwell the dem. successor of Mr Cabell

Col Gad Humphreys was the Delegate operated upon at Balt. & induced from his support, whereby the Dickinson intrigue was rendered successful. He will also be an applicant for office, and will wheel and also no doubt receive the favor of those who used him, as a reward. He is also a candidate for Surv. General but no doubt there will be an accomodation by which both are to be served.

Now then. I do not wish Dr. Spencer punished for his steady good faith at Balt. Nor the two others rewarded for their recreancy. And as I cannot be in Washington, I write you desiring that you will in some way you may judge best interpose your influence to save Dr. Spencer, and to foil the other two. The one (Dr. S.) is deserving & will be a popular appointment. The others are unworthy and will not be acceptable appointments to the body of the Democratic party.

The office of Surveyor General is an important office. I have recommended Major Jno. Beard (the dem. candidate for Cong. in 1850,) a very popular & estimable man.

The foregoing please give special attention to. The two following are also deserving to be served if you can, but are not so essential. Yet serve if in yr power.

Dr. James G. Dell was a delegate at Balt. & adhered firmly to his integrity in your support. I learn that he is recommended by all the Dem. members of the Legislature, by the Dem. Govr. elect, and by the Electors, for the office of Collector at Jacksonville. If not successful in that he will desire a Land office at Newnansville.

Chandler C Yonge was one of the Delegates who supported you steadily in the Convention. He was U.S. Dist. Atto. under Mr Polk & was removed by Taylor. He is a candidate for reappointment.

You will see that I confine the trouble I impose upon you to the protection of Delegates who were faithful. If those who supported you at Balt. are excluded from appointments, & those who opposed are rewarded, it will have an unfavorable influence upon the organization & spirits of yr friends in the State. Your interposition in the cases mentioned in such way as you judge advisable will be desirable, but of course I do not expect or wish you to take any part not agreable or suitable to you.

Yours truly

D. L. Yulee

Hon S. A. Douglas

P.S. Since writing the above I learn that Major Beard, will not accept the office of Surv. General. Geo. R. Fairbanks who was a dem. Presidential elector in 1848 will be a candidate. I have given him a letter of recommendation

D. L. Mulee

General Letter

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Homosassa
Feby 23. 1853

My dear Sir

One of the most influential
Offices in Flo. is marshall of
the Northern Dist. - Col E E.
Blackburn is a candidate.
I dont know that there will
be any opposition - But go for
him apt any one - Use some
exertion to appoint him. It
will be very desirable. Take
a little trouble in this case.

Yrs in haste

D. L. Yulee

Hon S. A. Douglas

Boston

Boston Feb. 28 (58 152

Dear Sir.

My son visits Washington for the first time, to witness the Inauguration of a Democratic President. Will you do him the favor to allow him to make your acquaintance as his fathers friend for whom he has always entertained a high respect.

And greatly oblige Very Truly yours.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

B. F. Hallett

c Feb 28, 1853

My dear Justice, The deeds have just come to hand. I will attend to the matter immediately. I take it the Cabinet is fixed and Maury goes in. My opponents are all in Washington but I hardly think that they will get far ahead. Mr. Cutting is in Wash. I hope you will meet the Potatoes will be on hand

Yours

Edwd C. Walthall

Feb 28, 1853

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