

Invitation



Hartford Sept. 6th. 1861

Hon Gideon Welles

Dear Sir,

Your friends and neighbors embrace the opportunity of this brief visit to your family, of offering to you a cordial welcome.

We rejoiced, when the President at the most critical period of our Country's history called you to the head of the Navy Department, because we knew that you possessed the ability, the integrity and the true love of our whole country, which the emergency required. And the events of the past six months have abundantly confirmed our confidence.

By your untiring, unostentatious labors the Navy has been renovated, its material and personal strength wonderfully increased: Unworthy Officers superseded by true patriots, and large additions have been made by judicious purchases of Ships, without yielding to corrupt influences of dishonest speculators. Under your wise and efficient guidance, our gallant Navy — its country's pride and glory — promises to keep its laurels ever green; and the recent brilliant success at Hatteras, in which it bore so conspicuous a part, is an earnest of what we may expect in the future.

We cherish the hope that the administration of our patriotic President and his Cabinet will be the means under Providence, of soon quelling the insurrection which has been stirred up by ambitious and disappointed political leaders, and peace be restored to our united Country - more closely united than ever before, by the utter extinction of the dangerous dogma of a State Sovereignty paramount to the Sovereignty of the United States.

We respectfully request your acceptance of an invitation to a public dinner to be given you during your present sojourn here, at such time as may suit your convenience, where your friends, and the friends of the Union, may have the opportunity of testifying their confidence and attachment, in a personal interview.

With every sentiment of regard and esteem,
we are your obedient servants,

Wm A Buckingham

Th. J. Williams,

Wm W. Howard

Julius Cattell

D. F. Robinson

Albert Day

W. A. Perkins

John L. Price

Leonard Church

James Dixon

George Denning

Alfred Smith

Calvin Day

Roland Mather

James B. Hosmer

Wm L. Collins

A. Pierson

James T. Pratt

Edw N. Fenn

Erastus Collins

Newton Case

Wm Waterman

L. G. Ives

J. F. Judd

Austin Dunham

Chas. Flower

S. W. Goodridge

Ans. S. Fortin

Amy Kellogg

O. Shipman

Henry K. Welch

J. Merriam

D. Crosby

Stephen Spinner

J. W. Green

James G. Bolles

Norrie E. Day

Joseph P. Allen

B. Hudson

Allyn S. Stillman

Wm B. Brownell

Thomas Deane

Jan. M. Seaford

M. M. Merriam

E. H. Allen

E. A. Murray

B. E. Hooker

Al. Hammond

Thos. J. Fisher

Chas. H. Warner

Wm D. Allender

E. C. Lyman

Mark Howard

Wm A. Bone

J. S. Strong

Edw. A. Smith

Thomas Smith

E. S. Ripley

Ol. Perry

J. H. Allen

Arthur Spencer

R. J. Richards

J. F. Morris

J. H. Clark

Thos. M. Day

J. J. Foulle

Morris Collins,
Albert F. Day
S F Seymour

Chas. G. Day

Ellery Hills

Henry Kenney

Erastus Smith

W W Pardee

Elisha Alb

E. A. Bulkeley,

Gordon Turnbull

Wm E. Sugden

Geo. P. Ripley

Clark
G. Wells Root

Lavinia Sifton