

Caleb Cushing Papers, Patronage Correspondence, box 156

304 West 22nd.
Oct. 16. 1853.

My dear Sir,

I enclose you a draft I have written, without being certain whether it is worth while to publish it. I retain a copy, so that you may destroy this. If you object to any part, or to the whole, telegraph me, as you can easily do without interrupting the telegrapher operators, and in that case I will await a letter from you before taking it to the Herald. You will receive this to-morrow morning, and I wish you to telegraph me to care of Mr. Foster the Postmaster, at as early an hour as you can. If I publish it, I want to do so in Tuesday morning's paper. Any letter on the subject please address to me under an envelope to Judge Waterbury, Assistant Postmaster. It would be as well that another name than yours should come to me through the telegraphists - you can direct a clerk to send me the message. As I expect no other communication that way I shall understand any name to

you shall be justified. Also if you'd be well that this
shall be circulating with my talk in the Herald about
later. I don't want it to be afterwards, because the Herald
talk of that talk and say that I say in this matter a
"lackey" of the Cabinet (so in the hands, that is his words)
and that I am afterwards surrounded with the other of =
infringement (which I take, partly against the train). You know
how well the Herald's talk, write and print. Now the
telegraph program in Washington (all of them some know) would be
freely for me an idea of that the Postmaster had offered me that
I would have a copy of the same in my possession for my office. Please let
them know that I will give it to them, however I may feel, to secure it
and some day, only to give it to them, however I may feel, to secure it
to be in the Herald's papers, surrounded with particular authenticity. If the
editors approve, I will do as you wish for some time, but I do not
wonder in any instance you would want any more interested with
about water, in which case my opinion for this should not apply.

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offer shall be public. Now it would be well that this
 should be simultaneous with my letter in the Herald about
 Lester. I don't want it to be after wards, because the Herald
~~editor~~ of that ilk would say that I was in this matter a
 "lackey" of the Cabinet (i.e. on the ground, that is his word)
 and that I was afterwards wounded with the dir of =
 punishment (which I take, vastly against the grain). You know
 how such a fellow would talk, write and print. Now the
 telegraph purveys in Washington (all of whom I ever know) would be
 ready for such an item as that the President had offered me that
 option ^{in accordance with an intention of a considerable period back} and that my answer was now expected before falling direct. please, &
 and I ever has only to give it to their, limousine & make, to cause it
 to be in Mercury's papers, announced with particular authenticity. If the
 President approve, I shall be glad if you would give some ^{positive} di=
 rection — unless indeed you should arrest my now intended letter
 about Lester, in which case my motive for this would not apply.

J. L. S.

come from you. It would also be as well in writing to me under the cover I expect to drop your packet, as it is better that the whole of this should be confidential between us. My residence is so high up town that I can get your letter hours earlier, & much more conveniently to myself, in this mode than by having it seized upon by the distributing carriers. Of course I mean only pro hac vice.

This honest deceiver, I suppose I shall have him in full cry on my humble tracks, in his intervals of yelping at your great beasts of the forest.

I should not wonder if his letters from Wickliffe were forgeries. But his statements respecting the records of the State department ought to be averifacis, (how often a Spanish word is found where an exact English one is wanting) — though perhaps verifacis here would do.

I return you your letter to me that you may see that I properly salaried

The mischief you say are in regard to it this will it is I don't not need the whole to be removed.

Ward
Review of Dr. "Reviews"!

Yours truly Son,

J. L. S. J.

By the way, the President has before his within me a letter which I shall receive to-morrow morning, giving me my choice between Mr. M. Manning and Kilm. Sister, which will give to me a choice among my present mind a. The subject, I shall accept the letter. But I have been so much talked of in connection with the former, and it has been so intimately mixed with that I am going to be appointed in Dr. S. place, that I wish it to be known that it is by my own preference that that is not a circumstance. May the President understand, and be necessarily means that the alternative character of the

The discretion you gave me in regard^{to} it, how well it is I
did not read the whole to the scandal.

Moral

Beware of ex "Reviewers"!

Your truly Son,

J. L. O. S.

By the way, the President has before this written me a letter
which I shall receive to-morrow morning, offering me my choice between
the Tre. Treasury and histon. Scales, between also and to-morrow I should change
my present mind on the subject, I shall accept the latter. But I have been
so much talked of in connection with the former, and it has been so extensively under-
stood that I was going to be appointed in Dix's place, that I wish it to be known
that it is by my own preference that that is not consummated. This the President
understands, and he accordingly means that the alternative character of the