

Washington City March 5<sup>th</sup> 1857

Dear Fensley

Allow me to introduce to your acquaintance  
the bearer Mr Eugene Erwin, a grandson of our old  
file leader Henry Clay. His relationship alone to the  
great champion of the compromise is sufficient to  
commend him to warm sympathy of every Californian,  
but I am persuaded his own good qualities will be  
his sufficient recommendation. Mr E goes to California  
to push his fortunes, and any kindness you may show  
him will be considered as a favour conferred on

Your friend  
Chas Lindley