

Washington March 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

My dear Eugene,

Yr letter was duly received, and not an hour's delay in presenting Yr ~~views~~ and recommendations to the President, and Mr. Cass in the first Cabinet Meeting. Your nomination was sent in, but they determined the Democrats, to prevent any nominations from being acted upon by not going in to execute Seward, as you were not confirmed. Mr. Bell used every argument with the California Senators, they all expressed a great desire to oblige him but said too many of his own party were wanting the same place for them to help to confirm a Whig. Mr. Bell expected such a result, but determined