

Washington Feb 20. 1831.

My dear Commodore

Nothing could be more welcome to me than your Letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. It was the sight of an old friend, & that in these days is worth more than all the pageantry, & favour of office, however high -

I am very anxious to see you; & if I should stop at Philadelphia, but for a few hours, I will make it a point to visit you, on my return home. We shall surely相聚 about the 19<sup>th</sup> of March.

I miss you very much in our Boston circles - You are aware what I have removed to Cambridge, having taken upon myself a professorship of Law in the University. How gratifying would it be to me to be now within a stone's throw (as it were) of you, & to meet you in my almost daily visits to Boston - All your old friends who continually speak of you make

Judge Story  
U.S. Supreme  
Court  
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Commodore Bancroft



The 20<sup>th</sup> inst

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warmest attachment -

I am glad you are fairly through your trial court martial, which must have been very tried the patience of all its members. It has, however, terminated, & now I suppose it will be time to crowd of witnesses, who were summoned. I dare aver that you were tried on very good law, for, you know, I always insisted that you were born for a Lawyer, & that your mind was peculiarly adapted to its study.

Please give my kindest regards to Miss Bainbridge. I am sure Mrs. Story and one of the men I was writing to you, will be in no wise aggrieved. She is at Barnsby, having lately lost her father, & she has a sister who is very ill, & I fear will not long live.

Believe me with the highest respect  
and affectionate  
your friend  
Joseph Story

The Honble  
Commodore Bainbridge