

outlast that most wicked and malignant of
modern political societies - the British Government -
and ^{that} the world is not to lose the benefit of its ex-
amples we have given it. I venture to offer to Mrs
Boston as well as to your mother, your sister, and
self the congratulations and kind wishes of Mrs Church and of
young Miss A. P. Church

Wm Barton

Savon June 12 1852

My dear Sir

To Prof. C. F. Boston

I had no very confident
expectation of your appointment to the secreta-
rship of this Legation, but when the announce-
ment of Mr Clay's preference to a second post
of that character in a single year reached me,
I found that I was more disappointed than
with my experience in public affairs, I
ought to have been. In spite of probability,
Mrs Church and I had looked forward
with great pleasure to the possibility of your
being officially connected with us, and
our regret at the disappointment is much
increased by the intelligence you so kindly
communicate of your expected marriage
to a lady who, we are sure, would have
been a very agreeable addition to our
social circle. We shall still hope to see
you in Italy and, as Mr Clay, though appi-
rently a well disposed young man, has
no taste, and not a single qualification,
for the duties of his position, I do not des-