

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON

Jan'y 7 1886.

My dear sir:

I have your favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant stating that President Atherton is asking a contribution of \$100. from you towards the expense of a commission charged with looking after the Cutler bill in the House.

Mr. Atherton is a gentleman of much tact and skill in approaching Members of Congress and has often been here, and I think rather likes to be, but I must say that, in my