

United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, July 21st 1876

Pres. M. H. Buckham,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir: Senator Randolph, a visitor with you at West Point, has twice spoken to me in such complimentary terms about you and your services at West Point that it gratified me much, so much that I am unwilling to wholly conceal the matter, and, as I cannot, I am sorry to say, claim Mr. Buckham as one of my correspondents, may I beg that you will tell her Senator Randolph says you were the soul of the examining board, working them all very hard, extorting from the officers there the pride of doing the