

St. Louis Feb 15th 1854

Dear Friend

Yours of Dec 20th duly reached me but the patient has not yet come. I suppose it will be in due time of the Star European Coasting line. Be there to you much for this evening -

I was sorry to hear of your falling as Minister at Constantinople, and do not appear to care for measures or qualifications. It is enough that the past is better to gather no profit by what instruments or success.

Not long ago, the two Daniels made his appearance here as Minister to France. He called upon me and returned the visit when I found him with his legs upon a sofa and smoking a Havana cigar. In the same room was seated, quite at home, and engaged on some needle work, a woman I remember a very striking looking woman I introduced. She was not his wife - only a traveling companion.

The Daniels had the impudence to make calls upon some American once with this woman.

Since returning to France he has written some spare letters highly calculated to disgust the Govt. and people of Sandwich, with himself and our country - and judging from appearances a worse representation of our country could have been chosen. Indeed it would seem that unfitness is the highest qualification in the eyes of the present administration. Able to handle a Regatta Station to Genoa and a three bound to Turin - I hope