

Montgomery is not filling <sup>his</sup>  
position as he should do.  
Yet the protests of Liberton  
& Whitfield have thus far  
prevented my bringing his  
case before the President.  
While Genl. Chipman de-  
serves something, yet I  
fear he is too much addic-  
ted to strong drink: how  
is this? If you have any  
personal anxiety on the  
subject in Palmer's behalf  
& know his fitness, I know  
the President will make  
no objection to him. Yet  
politically it may be best  
to appoint Herrill. So  
far as I am concerned  
I am willing to defer  
to your judgment on  
the subject.