

I have spent 2 1/2 weeks in Washington Jan 11th 1859
Dr Edw. I have been overrun for the
last week or so (or seen yet) with a great crowd
of my constituents, pressing R.R.^d grants &c.

All shades of politics are present & all feel
as though they had claims on my hospitality
, as ~~is~~ perhaps true, & my time. I have been
partly bored & we no end both for some time
to come. I gave a dinner to them last Monday.

It was quite a pretty thing & came off pleasantly
enough, though Governor Walker & Hugh Ewing
got definitively drunk before their time.

I have no CLK this winter, keeping up
my correspondence myself, so far, though it
is an unpleasant drudgery. Washington is
awfully dull, nothing like an exciting party
or an interesting debate thus far. I saw Miss
O on New Year day, only for a moment.
I have called her on since & she was not
at home. The fact is that old Brown, with
whom she stops is a most consummate old
flunkiey - a man of liveries, coats of arms -
heraldic airs & tigers on his coach so &c -

There is two or three Miss Sanders, friends of Cousin
Etiquette, who do not contribute much to
make it pleasant for quiet visitors.

I understand that she was not to stay long.
Judge Johnston is here & says that you
Expected, when in Cin to be on with
Stan in a few days. If this reaches you
, let me know a few days in advance
of your coming or I shall not be able
to entertain you at my quarters, as
they will require some considerable arrange-
ments to make them convenient for two.

I should be very sorry to see Stan come
on before, we are ready to leave for Cuba,
say about the 1st March or a day or two
sooner. I am expecting to take a trip to
Boston in company with my Leavenworth
friends, to arrange with the Directors of
the Hannibal & St Joseph R.R. for putting a
branch from Leavenworth to St. under
operation next year. If I go at all - I want
to be excused - it will be about the
middle of the month. If you get on I
should hardly consent to go, under any circumstances.

I called to see Douglass last Saturday, but
owing to the presence of other persons, could
not touch on the Ballou'sham matter.

By the way he voted this morning on a
Resolution to sustain H. Libster Walker
in the affirmative, as you will find in
the globe of tomorrow. Make a note of
it. What say you to the Stringfellow
purchase? If you are not coming
on before the last, in time for the Cuba
trip - if you hold fast to your intentions
that way - let me know - what means
you have at hand, if you are inclined
to make the investment. We have no Speeches
this session as yet, that I have thought you
would care to distribute. Yesterday
Washburne of Maine delivered a spirited
Speech, the aim of which was to prevent
the admission of other Elements into the
Republican ranks or in other words to
discourage a union of the entire opposition
to the Leaman party. If you think the
Speech would help you, after you have
perused it I can send you mine for