

Washington, D. C.

May 2, 1873

My dear Sir:

I remember only in a general way that there was great complaint at the time "General Foster" for permitting the mail to be searched for "incendiary" matter; but I have no memorandum of any specific letter on the subject.

I should think the most likely place where Judge Torrey might perhaps find one would be in the "Washington Constitution", which was the ultra-southern and administrative organ towards the close of Buchanan's administration, and the publication of

which perhaps extended far enough
back to include official utterances
of that kind. The Library of Con-
gress may perhaps have it.

Yours
J.M.

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