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PERRY-PAYNE BUILDING

My dear Judge

I have yours of 20th and Supplement of 25th and Congratulate you on your Confirmation.

I cannot say now whether I can see you before you leave as there are but two intervening Sundays and June 6th the only one of those available I do not however allow my anticipated visit to interfere with any of your plans, I will come if I can. The Madam requests me to thank you for the Compliments paid her both in respect to

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her personal beauty + your desire to have her come with me but she will not be able to do so much to her regret - I am sorry Conditions have so been disposed that she has never met your wife and daughter - You will however I trust come to see us at least occasionally after you get located so that we may not wholly lose touch - I was aware the request I made of you in behalf of my friend Mr Townsend was a very delicate one for you to handle but thinking you might be close enough to Genl Alger to suggest that Senator Baker's opposition ought to be drowned - My friend now writes me that his friends forwarded to Senator Baker a petition asking him endorse my friends qualifications and he refused and gave his reasons that Mr Townsend had never sat in a Convention &c or in other words he had never been a politician - Now that is the very thing that so far as this appointment is concerned should recommend him - Baker has the Call on almost all of the political patronage of his State his Colleague being a Pop - and there being but a few Reps in Congress from that State - I know you are in hearty sympathy with me in feeling that under

those Conditions he should
Keep his hands off this appoint-
=ment. If in your good way
you Can Say a word to
Genl Alger that will help
without in any way doing
yourself any injury I know
you will do it and if
there is even a remote possibility
of danger dont do it. I
enclose you a Clipping of a new
design for a propellor — No
diagram with it & from the
description I cannot make
out how it works — may be
you Can as you are in the
business — Our Kindest
to the family. Yours Resp
A M Robbins

P.S. My friend will be here
on Thursday Eng — If you decide
you Can do anything I wish
you would write me by that
time

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