

My Dear B.

Edw. R. Collins Esq: informs me that a consul is about being appointed to Santa Jago de Cuba. He desires that James L. Wright, whom he recommends as a man of character, capacity, responsibility, should obtain the situation. Mr Collins is one of our first merchants, an active opponent of the Van Buren faction, and a man of great energy of character. I should think it advisable if possible to gratify him.

I am not yet prepared to speak definitely respecting the Appraisership.

I learn from Ulster County that Cornelius P. Schoonmaker (said to have been a delegate to our national Convention) applies to be appointed Post Master at Brunswick in that County in the place of Charles Bowers; and that Matthew J. Dury, present Deputy, applies for a similar appointment in the place of G. E. Graham at Shawagunk in the same County. The recommendations of these persons have been presented to P. O. Dep<sup>t</sup>.

~~Gen. Anthony, of Rhode Island, with a view anxious to be reinstated Marshal of that District.~~

The near approach of the election produces great excitement. Crowds are gathered in the public places discussing the news from ~~Plattsburgh~~: It seems to be highly favorable. It is impossible to speak with certainty respecting our local ~~election~~ candidates, but I have not a shadow of doubt that the City State will go with very handsome majorities on the federal tickets.

I shall rejoice heartily when the election  
is over, that I may have a leisure moment  
to devote to private business. Our love to  
Julia, the letters to whom I have just  
deposited in the Post office. Very respectfully  
Sincerely,

Alex. Gardner

New York, Nov. 2<sup>d</sup>, 1844

Mr. Hallenby John Tyler.