

31<sup>st</sup> Dec:

Private

My dear Alexander

What you have written  
to me on the subject of Beaman's ap-  
—pointment has surprised and shocked,  
me beyond measure. It explains  
to me a hundred things. It proves  
Van Ness beyond question to be  
deeply treacherous. For some  
weeks I have had my suspicions  
of him. He must have been  
proving to this fellow Beaman's  
treachery & villainy through  
I then appointed as a reward  
for services rendered, a  
week ago a letter most  
abusive in its terms of the  
President Mr. Colburn &  
others whom we respect  
appeared in the New York  
Herald. I read the letter

and pronounced Mackay from its  
style to be the author. We were  
understanding the author of the  
letter. I enclosed him the letter  
with a request to know the  
author's name if he could find  
it out. See letter <sup>(in copy)</sup> with the  
information which you this  
morning gave me, and  
me beyond all question of his  
guilt. Is not all this calculated  
to pile a man with names?  
Foster & Dickerson must  
be sustained. They are  
Texas.

Just manage the above  
matter as you think proper.  
You will surely be appointed  
by all means, but if it be  
a Senate appointment, I wish  
to get Mr. Cooper there first.

From mother & Ann's paper Ann  
yesterday. I saw her out by 10.  
What trip Phoebe very beautiful.

If you really do not remain  
Bremer, I will remain here  
so help me God! Let him  
look to it — / yes very best

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