

Wm Office April 1<sup>st</sup> 47

My Dear Sir,

I did not divide the appropriation made by Congress equally between us. I directed Corcoran & Riggs to credit the whole of it to our account, and as I thought you might have immediate occasion for some funds, I directed C & R to place \$10,000 to your credit.

The Contingent fund of the House of Representatives has run out and French cannot pay us any money until the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. The Senate bill I am receiving to pay Blair & Rives. There will be no difficulty about your getting \$2000 or five times that amount, if you wish it, in three months, or less time. We have \$10,000 to our credit at Corcoran & Riggs at this moment.

Yours Truly  
J. Ritchie Esq. Wm

P.S. We owe nothing — no borrowed money. \$1000 will pay all standing against us except the amt due Blair & Rives.