We wanted but others as well as myself being satisfied that under no circumstances you could be got into the field. had to cast about for a man on whose firmness and patriotism we could rely and soon found Mr. Steele the strongest man the Party could rally upon. It was found he could carry Lowell Worcester and Rockester Counties in solid column. Intent to a considerable extent was made for him on the Western Shore before the Legislature rose. and many of your warmest friends wrote myself. became committed to Mr. Steele. This circumstance it is impossible if your name were used in the convention that you could have any thing like a fair chance for nomination. It would I think be gross injustice to yourself and merely fastening away a long and well earned popularity in an attempt to controlle a course of events and proceedings growing out of a train of circumstances (occasioned by a fair belief among your friends that you were out of the field) now too strong and settled to be put aside. I make these statements with the candor of a friend. I make them with real sorrow. for there is no man on this shore from whom I have rec^d more acts of kindness and civility than from Gourley. None from whom in high office I might have so much to expect.

It would give me much pleasure to see you at your approaching Court but having no business