

on one Chapin, who has a desk in the counting room of Brown & May, in Commercial Street, and boards at a third rate Hotel in Brattle or Elm Street. As to Chapin, Mr. Dunn, who knows almost every body in business, sneeringly knows "that there is such a fellow." This same Johnson, is represented as a very active man, very full of projects, who may be trusted, if the bargain that he offers you is really a good one, and if he gives you good security. Others, however, say it is safest to keep clear of him. He is mostly busy as a sort of ship-broker. I have no doubt he is the man that wrote to Gurley.

Gurley suspects that his correspondent is a rich man, formerly of Belfast, Me. and now of Roxbury. There is such a man; but I wrote to Gurley that this steam project was never formed

by a man who got rich at Belfast and retired to Roxbury.

Why does this Mr. Johnson not refer us, for information concerning himself, to somebody that we know, and that knows him? He is evidently a man who chooses to write letters from various places to Washington, rather than allow himself to be identified in Boston.

Waiting your "particular matter,"

Yours, as ever,
Joseph H. Tracy

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A. Letter Books

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