

Annpls 11 Febr 51 – Tuesday Evg

Mr Dr. Sir

The cigars with V. letter are all I have. The (?St) Boat this morning when in sight of this city, broke her shaft, but after some hours got to the wharf and afterwards set out in her crippled state to get to Balto.

Colo. Lloyd who was a passenger a few days ago in the (?) says the Capt. told him the Orsini would commence her running on Friday. This accident to the other may set her in motion a day sooner and give you a boat on Thursday. Brent is to be Atty Genl. Tis said the Commisn. was promised some days before Richardson died. He can see a clear distinction between his care and that of the (?) and I am told talks of retaining his seat. The idea is he will not devise a Constitution to be made or if made to be ratified. It is thought there are many equally patriotic. Jas. Polk – Father in Law to the Governor was holding forth a day or two ago to some of the Convention Democrats the other day to the effect that “he didn’t see where the party wanted reform for now”. “They had the State that was enough” “reform now was all (?), etc. etc.” Spencer was the opposing candidate to Brent but as much comes our second (look?).

We ae getting a (?). Last Friday’s work had nearly killed me off. I was much inclined to resign but kind friends have said of course a great many very complimentary things to try to convince me it is my duty to remain and refrain the mischief to be done – which they either think or make me suppose they think I can effect to an extent at least equal if not greater than any other single member.

I am not quite settled in my conclusion unless they will rescind that miserable vote which I think absolutely “blasphemous”, virtually renouncing for the State all claim to a Christian character.

Tell Laura my carpet bag is safely at hand with her letter. I will write in a few days. Love to all. E.F. Chambers.

To Colo. J. Wickes