the spirit to inflict it, I trust the ladies will. and this is the animal that dared aspire to the hand of Miss C.!

When you see, or write to, Mrs B. pray mention me in such terms as are suitable to the high sense I entertain of her merit, & of the politeness with which she was so good as to honour me last winter. I thank you for your history of B—'s appointment. as to the origin of the mediation I believe I am quite "au fait". Before this letter can reach Washington, you will probably have separated for the summer – but should it find you in office, do not fail to present my respectful compliments to the fair Misses G. You see I have nothing but commissions of this sort to give you. The life which I lead here precludes every thing but mere animal vegetation, & I believe that if I do not put an end to it, it will put an end to me.

With the most sincere regard I am Dear Sir

Yours

John Randolph of Roanoke.

Remember me cordially to Mr Ridgely. I see? to day, the message he enclosed me.

Hon Ble.

Interbridge Honey.

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