

L. E. Chittenden,

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on Lincoln  
Cabinet

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My dear Sir

Your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> reaches me in the midst of much domestic anxiety caused by the severe sickness of my wife and child. I have in consequence been obliged to abandon all my political engagements for the present week much to my regret.

In regard to the subject of your letter, I can only say, that out of this state I do not know of any one who will be prominently used for a Cabinet appointment, but Mr Ashmun and I hope in justice to New England that such an appointment will not be made. You know an abundance of reasons why.

I am a strong political and personal friend of Mr. Marsh, perhaps prejudiced. But there is no man who has a more hearty and cordial sympathy with the Republican movement, than he, and I am sure no candidate has no warmer personal friend. You know that



Mr Marsh never received an office which he did not adorn, and it would be the same with a cabinet appointment.

If the appointment comes to New England Mr Marsh should have it, may he must have it. He will have no competitor from Vermont. He is, as he always has been popular with the party here, especially the men of your way of thinking.

If the administration is to fall into the hands of the ultraists, who misrepresent the Republican sentiment of New England like certain Massachusetts men whom I could name, we wish to have no lot apart in it. But if as we believe the administration of Mr Lincoln is to be firm and true on the Slavery question, but at the same time temperate and regardful of the interests of the whole union on this and all other questions, then we should be highly gratified to aid so far as we may in making Mr Marsh one of his counsellors. I am delighted to hear from you, and would write you

more fully were not my mind so much engrossed with other considerations. Pray let me hear from you often, Remember that  
George P Marsh is as true a friend of Lincoln and as zealous a Republican as  
Yours very sincerely

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