

United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, June 2 1878

Sunday. 12^oc

My dear sir:

Your cable is just received.

Its words are - "Must resign unless
promoted what hope Crosby."

Your two letters, Feb. and March.
the latter on the same topic, had not
gone so long unanswered had
I been able to give you such
tidings as I would. I write now
in lieu of telegraphing because nothing
I can put on wire will be of any
value to you. The situation here is
very unsatisfactory, and in respect
Col. J. Schuyler Crosby
etc. Florence. Italy.

Yours
G. M.

More so than in respect of such topics as
you wish. I can ascertain no principle
on which appointments at home or abroad
are made. The merit or fitness of persons
seems to play no part in their selection, and
the ordinary avenues of imparting and receiving
information are virtually closed. The utterances
in regard to Senators making any suggestion
respecting appointments, have been of such
a character as to shut the door in the face of
those at whom they are aimed. In short
I am powerless either to influence action, or
to ascertain what it is likely to be.

I have endeavored to gain from those
whose opinions and wishes seemed most
likely to be regarded, such attention to your
merits and interests as would induce
effort to have justice done you; but thus
far nothing that worthy as to the purpose
of mine in authority has come to me.
All this my dear Sir can hardly be

be less satisfactory than the course but the matter is I am
the you.

I suppose you will write directly to the Secretary
as they have informed you that you have everything to expect
from. I would advise that such an enquiry, through the Secretary
and answers met. You will see much returned.

The Dept you saw Mr Bennett will I understand
have of my very warm appreciation of his friendship - an
appreciation which I trust the future will permit me to
unmistakably.

Yrs friend
Wm A. R. R. R.