

I do not think it fair
to involve me in it
personally. There are
seven other Senators
— eight in all —
who know the facts
as well as I.

I am astonished
that the despatch of
5th July 1862 to Mr
Adams on p. 124
has not been re-
produced with com-
ments & the question
asked if that is true
a formal despatch.
Yours faithfully,
Charles Sumner

private
— Wash DC
1st March '63

My dear Sir,

I have never commented
on the topic to which you
refer in your letter ex-
cept confidentially. I
was willing that you
should know certain
points for your ad-
vice, but I never
uttered a word with
regard to them except
on the points above
mentioned.

Of course, I ~~must~~
reserve to myself the
power to determine when
I will enter into a
personal controversy. You
know that, from the
beginning, while there
had positive opinions,
I have not seen ~~the~~
very clear & any effec-
tive action; each of
all have I seen that
any thing was to be

gained to the cause,
worthy of the sacrifice, if
I should enter into a
personal contest with
certain parties.

I have always been
sank with the Presi-
dent; very sank. But
what has passed between
us there has been com-
municated to any way
to the public.

I am pained by
the controversy which
you are involved. But