the event, let us hope for the
best.

Very truly yours,

Charles Weed

My dear friend,

At the request of these managers of New York theatre, I write you about

"Senate Bill 240, Relating to the jurisdiction of the circuit court of the United States."

As explained to me, the provisions of the bill are
just and proper.

New York Jan. 27th, 1877

Hon. Martin J. Townsend
House of Representatives

[Signature]
Old drama has become obsolete; managers purchase new and popular plays, for which they pay very largely. To protect themselves against piracy, the legislation contemplated by the Senate bill is much needed. As two of the gentlemen to whom I have referred are my warm personal and political friends, I earnestly hope that the measure of relief which they seek will command itself to your favorable consideration.

Myself and I have been so long accustomed to look at public questions from the same standpoint, that I assume that you would not approve of the compromise scheme. But as it has been decided to 'top up' in the Presidency, while fearing