respecting a number of these documents; but as I find by certain movements, that much curiosity has been excited, in relation to old papers I think it best at present, to preserve the whole:— In the aggregate, they form a strange medly of opinions, in which wisdom & folly, Passion, Prejudice, knowledge, & ignorance, ~~and are strangely blended:~~ are the concerns of human life; and especially, of the life of a person, engaged as I have almost constantly been, in important public concerns.

You will be pleased when I assure you, that I am not more dissatisfied with the part which I have performed, than I was when this labour was commenced, & that nothing can be disclosed by any one, which will occasion you to be ashamed of your connexion with me.

Give my love & kisses to Wolcott Eliza & Alfred & respects to Col. Gibbs & be assured of the unaltered affection of yrs

O. W. Wolcott

Mrs Laura Gibbs