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Washington —

Dear Bridge, Enclosed is the draft of Wells Fargo on San Francisco California for $40 Forty Dollars (No 4527) which you ask for in your note of 5th October this morning received —

I am shocked at the presence of the Chevalier Wikoff at the White House, and fear we shall have some great scandal from that quarter some day — Mrs L. is inexperienced foolish and spoiled —

The Seward people were in a great scare yesterday over a rumor current here that the Banks had demanded the Premiership for Chase and had made the calling to the Treasury of my father or James Gallatin a condition of the second 50 million Loan, but there was no such action even meditated in any quarter here — These rascals fear each bush an officer! — Weed telegraphed the report to Seward yesterday — My father was yesterday informed that Seward had said of him "that he had no idea that Mr Stevens had the talents which he had displayed in this Bank negotiation" Cool for a blunderbuss like Seward whose whole stock in trade is his own insignifance and Weeds cunning —