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Beverly, New Jersey
March 22, 1868
Geo. F. Hollis Esq.
20 Custom House St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 18th was duly received, but I have been so pleased with private and other correspondence, that I have not had leisure to answer.

I have this day written to Mr. Fish, stating that you are an applicant for the Consulship at Harvea, and that you served with me on the Otoria during the war, that you performed your duties to my satisfaction, and that you were energetic.
intelligent and capable.
But now my dear fellow,
you seem to have forgotten that
of many officers unless like
Farragut & Porter have not a par-
ticle of political influence. Each
and every member of the Legis-
lar Council of Massachusetts has much
more weight in the matter of
an appointment than I have,
I do not know a single member
of either House of Congress sufficiently
well to ask of one the smallest
favor. I have never seen any
one of the members of the present
Cabinet.

The first to influence
have the influence of the President.
Secondly, the members of the
Cabinet. 3d. The U.S. Senators
who have to approve of the removal
to make the vacancy or rather
remove the incumbent there, and these confirm the nomination, 4th, the Members of the House of Reps. who are supposed to have the nominations from their respective districts, and soon towards the corner grocery politicians who manipulate primary caucuses, and everyone of the political grades before the an old Army or any office. I am led to believe that President Grant will not make any nominations of importance, whereas previous vacancies exist unless the "Tenure of Office Law" is repealed. But the office at Hot Springs may become vacant. How far I know, if you know where.
old Skipinet Tom a Johnstone
is. I will be obliged if you
will advise me of his address.

Let me in conclusion
suggest that you don't make
any great pecuniary outlay
in the political lottery.

I am very truly yours,
Mr Collins.

The cases of the Rising Dawn
and Mr Williams are
still unsettled.