sent to 916 17th st N.W.

July 12, 1923

Dear Major Going: C.B.

I may be 'carrying coals to Newcastle,' but you will pardon me if I am. If you have not already seen it, you will be interested in this letter of Mr. Lincoln's to Lyman Trumbull, headed "Very Confidential," dated Springfield, Ill., January 7, 1861.

In it he says: ". . . Gen. C. has not been offered the Treasury and I think will not be. It seems to me not only highly proper but a necessity that Gov. Chase shall take that place. His ability, firmness, and purity of character produce this propriety; and that he alone can reconcile Mr. Bryant and his class to the appointment of Gov. S. to the State Department produces the necessity. But then comes the danger that the protectionists of Pennsylvania will be dissatisfied; and to clear this difficulty Gen. C. must be brought to cooperate. He would readily do this for the War Department. But then comes the fierce opposition to his having any Department, threatening even to send charges into the Senate to procure his rejection by that body. Now, what I would most like, and what I think he should prefer too, under the circumstances, would be to retain his place in the Senate, and if that place has been promised to another let that other take a respectable and reasonably lucrative place abroad. Also let Gen. C.'s friends be, with entire fairness, cared for in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. I may mention before closing that besides the very fixed opposition to Gen. C. he is more amply recommended for a place in the Cabinet than any other man . . ."

Of course "Gen. C." is Cameron and "than other" I suppose to be Wilmot.

There is no use in my saying that I hope you and Mrs. Going are happy on your mountain perch - I know you are.

Very sincerely yours,

I hope this will find you. I don't know the name of the perch!

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