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Hon Caleb Cushing

Dear Sir,

I wanted to you, as you may perhaps remember, the importance of having a prudent, reliable, law-abiding representative of the United States near the Republic of Dominica. For many reasons—personal to ourselves in some degree but of even more importance to the national interest—my husband, Gen. William S. Cayman of Texas, would like to obtain the appointment of Commissioner in the form and grade held by Mr. Walsh. Some speculators here have applied—or are about to apply—for this mission, but I am confident that no other person can fill it with better advantage to the public service at this crisis than Gen. Cayman or I ever venture to add his better claims to it.

We have such relations with important members of the present government of Dominica as will facilitate some very valuable commercial advantages—the concession of a neutral port for example—which indifferent persons might not obtain.

In view of these considerations I so far trust upon your good nature^{as} to request your influence in our favor at an early day.

I enclose you a fragment of a plan to organize the colored race against free-soilism, in forestatement of its coming rebellion.

It is not apparant yet, but it is ripening beautifully and will put forth blossom and fruit in the appointed season.

Very Respectfully
Wm. Cayman