

Caleb Cushing Papers, patronage Correspondence, box 157

23rd 1855

New York December
 Mr Cushing My dear Sir it is
 reported in the press of this city
 that Richard B Connolly is an
 a applicant to the President for some
 favour Connolly was elected to the
 office of County Clerk three years ago
 and was the 2nd term last Nov^{ber}
 and is an Alien up to the 4th of
 November last as you may see
 he cannot hold his office Connolly
 landed in Philadelphia in 1832
 and never declared his intentions
 until a month ago he has filled
 offices these 12 years past at will
 and a greater Political Alien
 never lived than Connolly it is a
 common phrase with ^{Frank} Pierce
 Pierce is a Damned Yankee
 Son of a Bitch & a damned Traitor
 to the Democratic Party

28th 1855

Wm. B. Brewster

You may think that because
 Connelly got Elected is some
 thing great in this City, tis all
 Romanations are Bought.
 not even a Common Constable can
 get it without money that is
 the reason we have so many
 Public thieves in this City nearly
 Every man in public office is a
 Robber. an Alderman in this City
 is synonymous with thief in New
 York City. Mr John Kelly now
 in Congress is from my district
 he is an Exception he is one noble
 Souled fellow he fills the place
 of a Blaguard Mike Walsh who
 is gone to Europe in search of his
 Mother

Sir I was once introduced
 to you at Washington during
 Honors John Tyler's term

I lived in Philadelphia
 and was a Private in the
 Corporal's Guard

in Conclusion I pray you
 to make known my
 opinion to President Pierce
 and Col Delavan will
 back my words I do not
 wish to see Mr Pierce
 Imposed on by this slippery
 William

I remain with
 Great Respect your
 friend
 John Griffin
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 Water St