

Washington 30th April /53

Gen Cushing

Dear Sir,

I had a brief interview this afternoon with the President, who informed me that the Memorial he filed in my behalf, would receive a proper consideration &c. He read the letter from Mr Wise (which I showed you) and, at his suggestion, I filed it, with several other testimonials, in the State Department, accompanied by a letter to Gov. Marcy, a copy of which I send you; and, if it be not asking too much of you, I beg, that before a final decision of the application, a synopsis of these papers be called for. I regard them as important, & would have submitted them long since to Gov. Marcy, if I could have procured an interview.

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I trust you will pardon me
for the trouble I have given
you.

Truly yours
Wesleyan Ellis

P.S.

I wish it were possible for the
President to read the paper
marked "E" referred to in
the letter to Gov. Marcy. Pres-
ident Scoble, without giving
me any intimation of it, wrote
to Gov. Van Ness (as an old
friend & colleague at Madrid)
giving him the strongest reasons
for my being retained at Madrid
a compliment, of which I may
feel justly proud. I did not
hear of the letter till informed
of it by Commodore Daniels
after my return home.

W.E.

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Hon: Wm L. Marcy
Secretary of State.

Sir

In addition to the memorial of the Creditors of the Republic of New Grenada, heretofore filed in my behalf, with letters from the Hon: B. G. Shields, & the Hon: J. S. Barbour, I herewith present to you other letters, sustaining my application, & also some evidences drawn from my transactions whilst Chargé at Caracas, of the manner in which my duties were discharged in Venezuela.

Paper endorsed "A" contains the opinion of the gov^t. organ at Caracas, of my efforts in behalf of our interests there.

Paper endorsed "B" from an unknown correspondent of the Journal of Commerce written two years after my return, shows the effect produced in Venezuela, by the publication there of my despatches, on the question of their unjust tariff.

Paper endorsed "C" contains one of my despatches & the editorial comments of the gov^t. organ at Caracas, sustaining my views, & also the editorial comments of the Washington Union, thereon.

Paper endorsed "D" contains a further despatch with similar editorial comments.

Paper endorsed "E" is a letter from

By Gov. Van Steep of N.Y. enclosing to me a translation of a letter written to him, by the then President of Venezuela (Gen. Soublette) asking Governor Van Steep to intercede with the President of the U. S. to have me retained at Caracas.

[Gov. Van Steep & President Soublette had formerly resided at Madrid as Ministers & had formed an intimate acquaintance.] In whatever light this letter of President Soublette may be regarded by your department I cherish it as one of the most satisfactory proofs of my fitness for the position which I then occupied.

Paper endorsed "F." is a letter from the Hon: Henry A. Wise, recommending my appointment, from a long & intimate acquaintance &c. &c.

Paper endorsed "G." is a letter from Commodore J. D. Daniels of Baltimore, who is a Creditor of New Grenada & who knew me when I resided at Caracas, as U. S. Charge' &c.

Paper endorsed "H." is a letter from Mr. C. F. Timpitow Esq. an intimate acquaintance & a gentleman who is favorably known to the Secretary of State & to the Secretary of War, & probably to the President.

I respectfully ask, that the Hon:
Secretary of State, will cause these
documents to be placed on file,
with the Memorial above alluded
to, & a synopsis of the same to
be prepared, & submitted to the
President.

I have the honor to be
your obedient servant,
P. Massie Ellis