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Revere House Boston July 9, 1861

Dear Bro,

I came with the Legislature of Me to Portland yesterday to view the new capitol that they would give the state, & being so far on the way I came here to make a short visit to gov. Andrew. I shall return Monday. Mary came to P. but went back with the crowd.

I wish you would write me what you get or what you know about Lincoln. I believe he stands firm & on principle that he means to. Do you know? Is not old Kellogg the immulated [?] old infernal fool that ever lived? I held out agt. sending commissioners. & at last they were named by the Legislature. The Leg. also has offered, & would not have authorized any but the relegation. As all the state caved in, they thought they would cave half in.

My impression is that Seward is not going to agree to any compromise when you come to specifics - that he is playing off with generalities which may be interpreted one way or another till after March 4th in order to secure the peaceful inauguration

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of Lincoln. See if it does not turn out so? How careful he is to have no one conception that he thinks is practicable. Mr Adams was less prudent.

Who are going into the cabinet? Is Colfax I hope not. It would be most disgraceful for that flunkey & trifler to be in any white house company. If there is any doubt of this I beg you in my name to make an appeal to Lincoln to save us all this disgrace.

I wrote A. L. an earnest letter agt Colfax. Pray you remember to ask him if he rec. it Say to him I will not plague him but that I do not want this adm. to be a shipwreck in the launching.

Are any of the Me delegation weak? We have rumors. Tell me, I beg, the facts.

> Yours truly, I Washburn Jr

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