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Description: George W. Pierce on political appointment

I consider nothing of this is to be ~~reap~~ repeated to him, and to put my  
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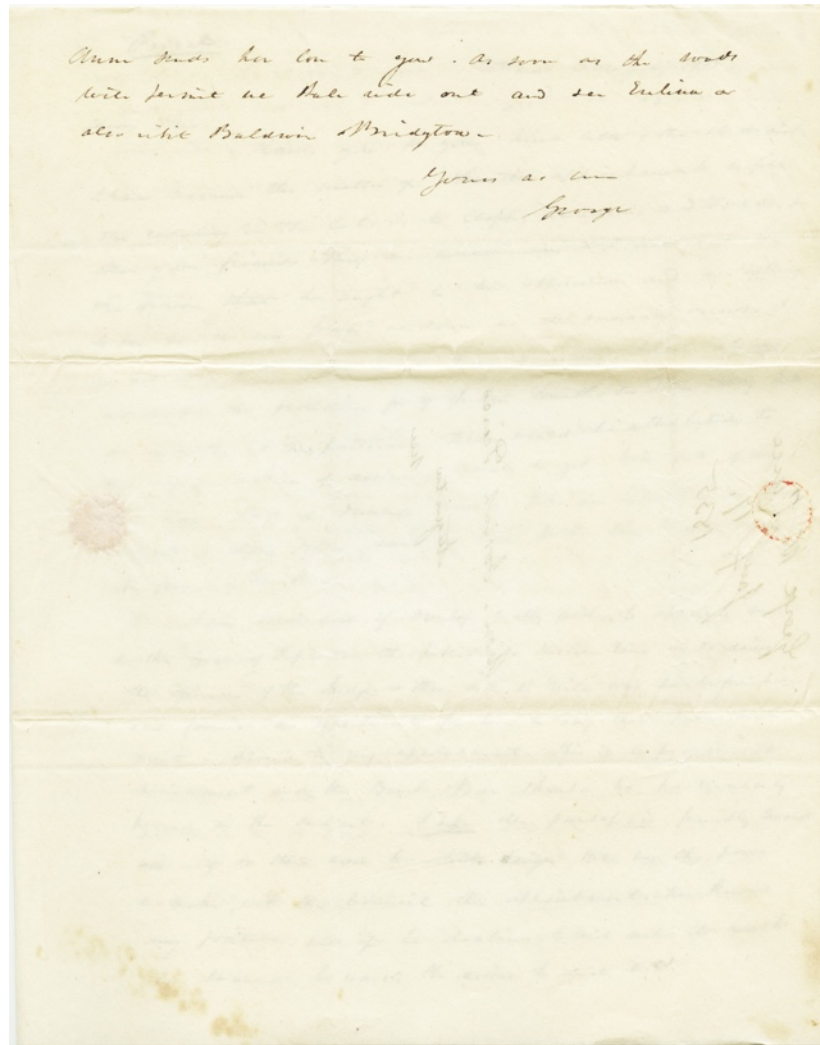
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last week and all was well. There is nothing new  
here.

I feel hurt at the reluctance which I hear Dunlap  
expresses to take any responsibility toward gratifying the  
wishes of such a friend as I have been to him. Was not  
my support of him and F.O.J. Smith (whose cause was at first  
in seprable) been the means of calling down before me all the  
malignity of the Preble junto, whose paper to this day keeps up  
its slanders against me? I am the only one of those who were  
active and efficient in bringing Dunlap into power who  
has been entirely neglected. I should think that Dunlap  
might sometimes think of all I have written & spoken  
for him. But I suppose he does not. So I must rely  
upon you and other friends to prove to him that he will lose  
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Anne sends her love to you. As soon as the roads will permit we shall ride out and see Evelina & also visit Baldwin & Bridgton -

Yours as ever  
George