

Niles, Michigan, Nov<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> - 1857

Hon. Thomas Corwin, Secretary of the Treasury -

My dear Sir,

This will be handed you by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Sohier, President of the University of Notre Dame De La, in Northern Indiana, who will stop at Washington a short time on his way to Europe upon business, and who desires to become personally acquainted with the President of the U.S. and other distinguished Members of the government, for whom he entertains sentiments of very high regard and friendly consideration - Though differing with him, both in political and religious opinion, I take great pleasure in commending him to your kind and friendly consideration, as a scholar, a gentleman, and a Christian, who has the good fortune I believe to be loved and esteemed as such, by all who know him - He has, I think, no personal acquaintance with Mr. Clay, whose kindness has laid him under obligations, which he remembers with gratitude, & would like to acknowledge in person - Any civilities you may be pleased to show him will be gratefully bestowed and duly appreciated.

With much respect I remain your friend & obedient servant

Thomas Fitzgerald

Niles, Michigan, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> - 1851

Charles Sumner Esq,

My dear Sir,

This will be handed  
you by my friend the Rev. Mr. Borin, Pres-  
-ident of the University of Notre Dame du Lac  
who will be detained a short time at Washing-  
-ton, on his way to Europe, and would like  
to make the personal acquaintance of Messrs  
Webster, Clay & others, together with that of the  
President of the U.S. Though differing with  
him in opinion in many respects, I take pleasure  
in saying that I consider him second to no  
man in the West, either as a scholar, a gentleman  
or a Christian, and such I believe is the  
general impression where he is best known.  
May I ask of you the favor, to give him  
an introduction to Mr. Webster, and also to  
the President & to Mr. Clay, if not too much  
trouble - I have had the <sup>to see</sup> happiness in the papers  
a notice of your Appointment as private Secretary to  
the Secretary of State in

Accept the Assurance of my sincere regard & believe  
me to remain very truly your friend & Obedt Servant

Thomas Fitzgerald