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Washington, April 3, 1861.

Dear Sir,

Although a considerable period has elapsed since the date of my last letter to you, nothing has transpired here of interest, but what is fully detailed in the newspapers. Mr. Toucey left here last week. Judge Black is still in the city. Gen. Dix made a short visit at the request of the Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Holt I think is still here, but I have not seen him for several days. You of course saw Thompson's answer and Mr. Holt's reply. I have not had any intercourse with any of the present Cabinet except a few brief interviews with Mr. Bates the Attorney General on business connected with his depart-  
ment.

Mr Lincoln I have not seen. He is said to be very much broken down with the pressure that is upon him in respect to appointments. The policy of the administration in respect to the seceding states remains in obscurity. There has been a rumor for the last two or three days, that notwithstanding all that has been said there will be an effort to reinforce Fort Sumter. But I do not believe a word of it. The special messenger Colonel Lamont told me that he was satisfied it <sup>could</sup> not be done. The new loan has been bid for, at better rates than I anticipated, and I perceive Gen Dix was one of the largest bidders at the highest rates. The new Tariff bill seems to give the administration great trouble; and luckily it is a measure of their own. The first month of the administration seems to have furnished an ample vindication of your policy, and to have rendered all occasion of other defence needless. The rumors from Richmond are very threatening; secession is rapidly gaining strength there. Hoping that you are in the enjoyment of good health and happiness, I remain as ever yours

Edwin M. Stanton.

P. M. 12 o'clock. The Secretary of the Treasury has determined to reject all the bids for the new Loan under \$94. This gives him \$3,699,000 only, of eight millions called for. He could have obtained the whole amount at 93½. Riggs thinks the Secretary has made a great mistake, in not taking the whole sum, and that he will not get as good terms at 93½ in future. There are no bids here taken.

E. M. S.