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To J. Mason Campbell

Washington July 18. 1841

My Dear Sir

I received your letter this morning & hasten to answer it, but relying on what Bruce & Sippy have told you, you should not contradict the statement you mention - when I acted as Secretary of War, I was in office as Attorney General, & as I performed the duties of both offices, I received the salaries of both. I thought then & still think that it was right - for as the public received the benefit of my services in both offices and the duties of both were performed I do not see why I should not be paid for both. I did not receive the patent, & gather the nature of the charge from your letter -

I wrote down a long letter yesterday which will let you know how I am getting on here - Tell your father I am much obliged to him for arranging my affair with the Bank of Baltimore. With much love to you all I am affectionately
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