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Robert P. Grier
Judge

Washington DC

Dec 29. 1860

A. A. Smith Esq

Dear Sir

Will you be so good
as to pay the R. R. Co. for me for at
least \$1000 if not more, on the subject
I have a patent there - I begin to fear
that this will be the last quarterly
salary I will receive from the United
States - Every thing is getting worse & worse
here, Buchanan is wholly unequal
to the occasion - He is surrounded by
enemies of the Union. The Secy of War, wished
to recall & condemn the command of Fort
Moultrie - but was fortunately overruled
in the cabinet - By Black, Stanton & Holt the
honest members of the cabinet will most
probably withdraw unless Floyd is dismissed

Poor Toucey is nobody - Thompson
is honest but a secessionist -

I should not be astonished if the cabinet
should be wholly displaced before ten
days - and the country without a
government

We dined with the President
yesterday - He is getting very old - very
fast - poor fellow he has fallen on evil
times - He lost her confidence & gave her
favour to her enemies & not to her friends
and now he is enjoying the fruits
of her mistake. He knows Floyd
to be a traitor & ^{one} who has conducted his
office in a manner to disgrace the ad-
ministration & plunder the country, & who
is now plotting its destruction, yet he
hesitates to denounce him - I should not
be astonished from what I have heard privately,
yet reliably, of Floyd were arrested &

Presman impeached before
60 days - Every thing is going
to ruin unless the people rise in
their majesty & rebuke the scoundrels
north & south, who are working together
to divide the union - This would be
certainly followed by civil war - severe
war & ruin & misery to both parties

We are governed by fools & thieves
we have not a man for the occasion

I expect to be at home on Monday
the vote - if nothing happens - and perhaps
sooner - if the Hero Wise should take
the capitol with his army

Yours truly
A. S. Jones

Hon Mr G
Dec 29. '60.



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Decr 29. 1860

Dear Sir

Will you be so good as to press the R R Co. for me for at least \$1000 if not more, on judgt I have against them--I begin to fear that this will be the last quarter salary I will receive from the United States--Every thing is getting worse & worse here, Buchanan is wholly unequal to the occasion--He is surrounded by enemies of the Union. The Secy of War, wished to recal & censure the commander of Fort Moultrie--but was fortunately overruled in the cabinet--Black Stanton & Holt the honest members of the Cabinet will most probably withdraw unless Floyd is dismissed Poor Toucey is nobody--Thompson is honest but a secessionist--I should not be astonished if the cabinet should be wholly departed (?) before ten days--and the country without a government

We dined with the President yesterday--He is getting very old--very fast--poor fellow he has fallen on evil times--He put his confidence & gave his favour to his enemies & not to his friends And now he is enjoying the fruits of his mistake. He Knows Floyd to be a traitor & one who has conducted his office in a manner to disgrace this administration & plunder the country, & who is now plotting its destruction, yet he hesitates to dismiss him--I should not be astonished from what I have heard privately but reliably, if Floyd was arrested & Buchanan impeached before 60 days--Every thing is going to ruin unless the people rise in their majority & rebuke, the scoundrels North & South, who are working to gether to divide the Union--This would be certainly

followed by civil war--servile war & ruin & misery to both parties

We are governed by fools & knaves we have not a man for the occasion

I expect to be at home on Thursday the 10th if nothing happens--and perhaps sooner--if the Hero Wise should take the capitol with his army

Yours truly

R.C.Grier