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With the blessing of Providence, I shall now certainly go to London as Minister. I cannot, at the present moment, say, with certainty how soon I shall be there; but shall leave, with the least practicable delay. I shall write to you again as soon as I can ascertain the day on which I shall leave New York.

I parted from your brother Charles this morning. He was on duty all day yesterday & "as long as a lark". His is, indeed, a green old age, if he can be called old. Our friend Rush, I think, begins to show his age.

With my respectful regards to Miss Wilson, I remain,

Yrs Excellency

Joseph R. Ingersoll  
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