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Yucca Dec 16th

Dear Sir.

I send by mail the little
card-cases for Honore' and
Min, which I hope they
will use occasionally.
Though of course, they have
already much finer ones.
We are being quite modest
this year in our Yucca
gifts as we were so disgusted
with their preceding ones

packages last year and
going through them at the
Custom House and then it is
so irritating to have to pay
duties on things that one has
already bought and settled
for. We must try to make
our gifts by taking them home
or when you come over.

I send you the letter of a
very troublesome, talkative
rather obnoxious person

who has always followed Fred off and his
father before him, who is now appointed
to fill some pulpit in Chesap, and is
simply crazy to have his wife meet you.
He has written three or four times and
Fred absolutely declined to bother you or write
a letter for the man, but I am going to do
it, as I am quite sure you will understand

the care and will not allow them to trouble
you - I do not think it a good policy
for us or anyone else to be spending paper
especially when like this Brown, they make
make many speeches or write very much.

Of course now in your present work you
have constantly sent people following you
with petitions but I will not send them a
brief note of introduction to you for this -

5th
I feel though these oppose
my doing so, I do not feel that
it is politic to absolutely deny
his request. - The Jews are
very rich and powerful in
this way, and this make-
ing such a speaker might
be so angry, that he would
feel that we had persecuted
them because they were Jews,
and do us much harm.

I had not once explained
to him that he had not

influence - but the persists
in wanting his wife to meet
you - He is one of the querry
Citizens kind and at the time
of Genl. Grant's funeral, watched
all the way from the "City Hall"
in New York to the Tomb of
Riverside to show that he
took the active part in the
matter. Mr. Herrmon ad-
vised, at the time, that he
should be allowed to assist
in the services, as he was

So desirous now is always such a perfect
query Writ for the period race. If you
could allow her to show herself in your
Office once, when the other ladies of the
Committee ² would see her then they
^{they husband} would be finished with and not angry
as they surely will be, if we do not give
her the letter to you. I shall therefore write

Myself knowing you will understand the
case exactly, and I let you know about it
privately so you will not be surprised at
my giving a letter of introduction to
James L. I do hope this will not give you
any trouble and that you will not consider
me a terrible nuisance for allowing
this woman to go to you, or for asking that you
would have "Griffith" the peasant slap

once - ^{9th} "He had all the
"Correspondents" of papers, ask
for him, and I freely acknow-
ledge myself to be in awe
of these Writers of the present
day - It is much better to
seem polite to them, than
to make enemies of them
I think - Just seeing Hottel
Brown and his wife once
for a little while may not be
more than you could stand,

And he is quite satisfied on
the subject, until he has
gotten Fred's obstinacy up.
Now that you are working
for the public you probably
have enough experience
with such people - Rabbi
Brown is really high and
important in his Church

I am so sorry to trouble
you but know you will
understand why it is felt you

no wish to make enemies - He thinks he
owns the world, and tries hard to do so.

From the Children and I all
join in greatest love for all of
home and wishing you all a Merry
Christmas and "Happy New Year" - I can just
imagine what a delightful home coming
and beautiful time your days will

have and they deserve it after such good
work at school.

I am so afraid that some of you all
will be ill with the "Influenza" here,
which our papers give so dreadful ac-
counts of here.

Do write during the
Holiday Yours affectionately

Edw. Bonner's Aunt

Dear Sir, Don't imagine that
I am crazy enough to be in-
fluenced to give this man
the letter he asks for, because
I all his talk about the likes
Lincoln & Grant etc, that is the
argument used by everyone for
the last four years who wished that
to do something; but I do hate to
make enemies of these writers by
then every man for any office how-
ever small & insignificant, this
man is the kind to work and
bite against him if angry. And
he can work with the Jews

a great deal (as Bishop Newman
told me he was quite opposed) for
or against your Board. I
think that you like I, will decide
it is better to see them for a
moment, than offend them -
When you read his letter you'll
exactly understand the man.
You never mentioned "Crisp" &

Affectionately

Ada

Of course the "London Times Correspondents"
can do a great deal for or against your
Board. They are doing Miss
Wetherill's, Exposition immensely,
and please her to me, as I suppose she
has done all to please them -