

Vinona January
31 Dec 1867

My dear Thayer

It is only two days ago
that I was much distressed
to hear that you had been
very ill — At the same
time I had the relief to
know that you were already
convalescent & out of all
danger —

Had I known of
this indisposition sooner, you

cannot doubt that I should
have often written to ask
for news of you & to express
our sympathy —

If you are in writing
condition I hope you will
let us hear from you — or
as soon as you are strong
enough to write —

The object of this hasty
scrawl is to say — besides
expressing what I have already
done — that your official
communications will be
sent by the first post to

Washington, accompanied
by a statement from myself
that ~~not~~ no reason is
known to me why the
gentleman you wish named
as Vice Consul should not
be appointed - & that
your recommendations & those
of others should have due
weight - My opinion of
course is but a formality.

Our Andrews, too, is
laid up with the measles -
He is convalescent but
hardly able to leave his

bed. My family thank God
are all well — Lippitt
is flourishing — The arrival
of Delaplaine daily impending.

The Hungarian matter
approaches a result, I think —

It is obvious that no stone
can be left unturned to
conciliate the Hungarians —

Whether at the same time
the cis Leithans can be
made comfortable seems very
doubtful —

Excuse the brevity of this
note — I write but wish
for your speed, & entire
recovery. Very believe me
ever sincerely yours
J. M. W. M. W.

P. S.

Since writing the
above I have been
talking with Lippitt &
we are both of opinion
that if you wish to
retain your place you
had much better do nothing
in the matter of the
Vice Consulship at present.

You are aware
through the papers that
Mr. Cowen has been
nominated in my place.
I sent in my

Signature on the
11 December last -

I have as yet no
of letters from the State
Department announcing
that the said resignation was
accepted - But the London
Times Correspondent informs
the world as to the
result - One of these days
I shall get a letter no doubt.

I mention until I hear again
I will retain your official communica-
tions to Washington - Please write
again if you still prefer to
send them -