

Foreign Office.

Wednesday, Dec. 15. 30

My dear Sir;



I called at your office this morning to
solicit a favour. By a letter received this
morning from Swisse I find that the British
Vice Consul of that place, Mr. Richard Walsh,
has died suddenly. I wish to secure your kind
word in favour of Mr. Richard Hill as his
successor. The latter has been for many years
in the office of Mr. Walsh, and, in fact, has
conducted all the business of the Vice Consulate.
He is a most worthy, rising man, whose

appointment I am told would give satisfaction
to his countrymen residing in Scituate. For
my own part, I experienced so many pleasing
services from Mr. Will during my residence in
Scituate, that I should feel deeply gratified if
I could in any degree promote his appointment.

If you should be able, therefore, to exert any influ-
ence in this matter and should be disposed to do
so, I assure you I shall consider it as a
personal, and a very particular favor. Or
if you could inform me in what manner I should
proceed, or to whom I should apply, more effectually
to promote the appointment of Mr. Will

I shall feel greatly obliged to you.

Believe me, my dear Sir
with the truest esteem and regard

Yours faithfully

Washington Irving

John Backhouse Esq

Scituate Mass.

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Mr Washington Irving
Dec 15 1830

It is very desirous that
Mr Hill, should be
appointed British Vice Consul
at Seville in the room of
Mr Walsh who is dead.