

Washington March 7th 1853

My dear Mr. Looman,



I see an appropriation has been made for the augmentation of the library in the Executive mansion. As I understand that all the books already there were purchased by you at the suggestion of Mr. Webster to President Fillmore I think you ought to endeavor to have the task of completing the library. It would be a pleasant and a creditable labor to you, for which your past experience and your acquaintance with the American and British booksellers peculiarly fit you. Should the task require a visit to Europe

I could procure you the best advice and the
most essential letters from Mr Cogswell the
superintendent of the Astor library, who has
been repeatedly to Europe and is now there
making extensive purchases for our library.

As you are at the head of the copy right
bureau in the State department you might
undertake this new duty without extra compen-
sation - I should think it would be a labor of
love to you. ~~And~~ Mr Cogswell could give
you advice as to the ~~kind of~~ books most suitable
for the library in question.

Yrs. great haste

Yours very truly

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