

Office of the Chief of Affairs
Washington D.C. Aug 9, 1853.

Sir,
I am informed this morning by Mr. [Name] that he has been at the post for the last few days that he had just rec'd dispatches from Washington and intended to leave on tomorrow morning for [Location] the seat of govt of the [Location] and requests me to accompany him, which having consented to do, I have deemed it important to keep my office open, and have consequently appointed Col. [Name] Chief Clerk of this office, who will exercise the duties thereof during my absence now, and during any subsequent trips to [Location] for [Location], and I am as the [Location] have assured by you that his appointment cannot be recognized nor any funds applied to the payment for such services, in which work or incurrence, I swear, as it may prove to the Department and the Agency & persons interested, I shall in future be compelled to close this office whenever it is found necessary to leave it.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
Chas. J. [Name]

Hon. Geo. M. [Name]
Chief of Affairs
Washington
D.C.