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New York 14th Jan'y. 1864

My dear Friend

I am desirous of becoming acquainted with your friend Mr Chase, and I write now for the purpose of soliciting from you such a letter of introduction to him, as will ensure a speedy interview in case I conclude to visit Washington.

I have no political or other end in view save the satisfaction of seeing and talking with him upon topics of general interest. It may be in my power to give him some practical hints upon matters, that I know would be of interest to him at the present time, when the premium on Gold, must be a subject of no little anxiety to the Administration of the National finances. Indeed, I am aware, that he has lately been engaged in digesting some legislative plan to check the speculations in the precious metals. There are other

at work, that sooner or later may snub,
and bring not only disaster, but official
disgrace.

I have no room or information to
seek for myself or for others at the hands
of Govt. But, if I can contribute
directly or indirectly towards its pros-
perous advancement the humblest
mite, I shall consider myself most
happy.

Mrs Monro & our children join
in affectionate remembrances to
yourself and family.

Very sincerely yours
Alfred Wood

At New Bishop McGowan

matters about which I should like to converse frankly with him, and with no view whatever, but to forward his plans. I apprehend that one great difficulty the Secy. meets with, is the selfish motives that underlie all opinions when he finds it desirable to consult.

In the enormous issues which the Govt has been compelled to make, would it be a matter of wonder, if heavy frauds and gross violations of confidence should hereafter come to light? It seems to me as if a large portion of our people were absolutely besotted with a spirit of reckless and insane speculation, and does it not behove the Govt to watch with jealous ^{interest} all its subordinates, even to the most remote degree. No innocent party can know that such things do exist, but there are peculiarities incident to the present state of things that mystify the minds of business men, and make them apprehensive that there may be secret springs

A. G. Norwood to Rufus M. Blaine.
New York, 14 Jan. 1864.

Wants letter of introduction to Mr. Chase.

Chase Mrs