



Washington Mar. 3, 1857-

Dear Sir;

Congress will close to-night. I have been watching an opportunity to get away to the scene of battle in New Hampshire, but have seen no possible way of doing it, without deserting the post of duty. I shall therefore stay to make up the five, starting for the east to-morrow morning-

The attack on Webster you have seen in the papers - The story is pretty much all told there - The feeling here is that Allen gained no credit, by bringing out the charge, but still there is a pretty general feeling, that Webster deserved the exhibition, and that in fact it is not consistent with the purest kind of integrity, to live on the money of other people, while in a high station, where the interests of those "other people"



Sometimes come in conflict with the interests of the "rest of mankind," I thought there were no laurels for me to win on either side, and so I did not vote - Let them fight it out, and we will attend to our own matters - Ashmun made a mistake in taking issue with Allen; he ought to have confessed and avoided, or put in a demurrer. There is no doubt that money was provided Webster, if not in the manner charged, yet in some other way, equally reprehensible - I am encouraged by the information politically, from different parts of the District. Goodwin wrote me by the last mail, that he was into the work, actively and earnestly - He never helped me before, and I hope to stand better in Salem - I saw him at Exeter, two weeks since, and pitched into him, in the right manner, and your movements

upon him achieved his reformation entirely -  
 That Jas. Thon should acquiesce, is more than  
 I expected - I have always counted upon him  
 and Wm. Chute as implacable - I know of  
 a number of persons who are active in our  
 favor, who opposed me at the last election. My  
 hope is to run K. into the ground about  
 500 - & if I do, I shall lay much of it to my  
 friend Hughes -

I wrote to John Atwood, several weeks  
 ago, that his only way of salvation, was to  
 hold the torch, close to the nose of democracy,  
 as Putnam did to the wolf's, and make them  
 breathe fire, till after the ~~day~~<sup>1st</sup> of March. I  
 told him, he owed it to his God, himself and  
 his posterity, to take the stump, and let the  
 pinates know, that they had encountered a  
man - I hope my letter did him some good -  
 If we don't whip them this time, we will  
 make victory practicable hereafter -  
 Ever yours. Amos Lusk (over)

P. S. Has Glendennin been paid for  
his labours? I infer from his letter  
that it will be well for you to know  
this which I must see him -

Private

A. T.