

My dear Madam

Ashland 2^d June 1847

I received your letter and the one accompanying it from Col. Russell. I have frequently received letters from him during his absence, and from them had learnt the difficulties arising out of the collision between the American Commanders for the Government in California. Believing that Gov^t Fremont and Col. Russell ought to be sustained in authority, before the receipt of your letter, I had written to that effect to a friend in the Senate. And I shall take great pleasure, and be most happy, to do any thing in my power (altho' I fear that will not be much) to uphold their power and authority. I dare say, however, that they will have more efficient friends than I am, altho' more faithful and anxious they could not have.

Wishing that your husband may return to you in safety and that you and he and your family may long live in health, honor and happiness, I am truly

Your friend &c. &c. Sewer

Mr. Russell

H. Clay