



[PHILIP & SOLOMONS, WASHINGTON.]

TREASURY.

Washington, Wednesday, March
27. 1861

I sit down, duck-lucky, to give you a short letter, by the afternoon mail, — a pious practice which I intend to follow while I remain here. —

I am in a complete muddle about Schenck. Robert Corwin told me, that S. said to him last night that he had come on here expressly to have Corwin appointed. But I saw Rod. Mason who was at Caleb's last night while Schenck was there & he says S. told Caleb, that his personal preference was for Mr. F. M. New-ble who dined with us once you

Remember, told me that Schenck said
to him, while on their way here, that
it did not make much differ-
ence to him whether Mr F & Co.
was appointed. If such be
the real opinion of S. I think
I can get the nomination for
Mr F. - I saw Mr Chen this morn-
ing & also yesterday. He will do
all he can for us, if the ap-
pointment lies between Mr F &
Co. He took me into his room
while four thirty to fifty persons were
waiting to see him & we had a
full talk on the subject. While
I was with him, he wrote a
note to the T. M. Gen. I remained
till the answer came back &
then Mr C. promised to see the
Pres. if he could. This morning
he told me he had seen
Linn, but that the papers could
not be found. He told Mr Lincoln

that he wanted to have a conversa-
tion with him upon the subject,
which was all he could do. I
like to have better than ever for
his candid and kind treat-
ment of me. We were
all surprised to be down on
Linn at first, but I am
convinced that we did him
injustice.

I rec'd Mr's letter with Price's
letter to Blair but the papers
had been made up & I
could not get it into his hands.
The other letter I left together
with Price's with the 1st Asst P. M.
Gen. this morning. He said he would
put them with the other papers if
he could.

I didn't get a letter from you
this morning, so I have had a blue
time of it so far. I hope I shall
get one to night. - Good bye dear
Father