

Washington Ct.
26th April 1852

Dear Sir

The bearer, Joseph Wales Esq^r of this City intends visiting Washington in behalf of his sister, the Widow of the late Dr. Storau Wells, to whom beyond question belongs the merit of the discovery of administering ether to mitigate or abolish pain. As the subject has been brought before Congress it is desirable that justice should be done to the parties in interest, and any assistance you may render Mr Wales in promoting the claims of his deceased relative will not only be a favor to him, but greatly oblige,
Yours Truly
Gilman Wells

Hon^{ble} John Appleton
Hon^{ble} Rep
Washington
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Hon. John Appleton
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