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Dear Brother Leavitt,

Have you yet engaged your

third lawyer for the captives? If not, would it

not be well to engage some democrat? And

can you find a better man than Robert

Randout? I have been conversing with Loring

about it to day. He thinks Randout would
do admirably — says moreover that he probably

has more influence with the Executive at

Washington than any other man in this state — I

especially just now, when the party are endeav-

oring to gain Massachusetts — that he promised

him (Loring) to day, in his office, to write a strong

letter to Van Buren, denouncing against their

delusion to the Spanish Government. Why would

it not be a good move to get him? His influence

with the Party may be worth having.

Yours truly, A. A. Phelps.