

So Court St.

Feb. 12. 1853

Dear Sir,

Allow me to ask your especial attention to my friend, Mr. George W. Peck, who goes out in your ship Plymouth Rock, to Australia.

Mr. Peck is a member of the Bar of Boston, a graduate of Brown University, a man of unusual talents, & a valued & distinguished contributor to the Reviews & Journals, the personal friend of many of our most distinguished authors.

His only failing I mentioned to you. He makes this voyage in the hope of overcoming this, & of regaining his self-control. He is an honorable & trust-worthy man, & one who has, I assure you, a great many friends & well-wishers.

If, when he arrives out, anything can be found for him to do in your counting-room, or

if you can procure him an opportunity to do anything,
it will be a kindness to him & to his friends.

I shall place in your hands the little
money he has, subject to his order, which I hope you
will disburse to him under some oversight, with
advise.

Believe Me, with great respect,

Yours obed^t serv^t

R. H. Dana Jr

Capt. Eben Balchell.