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My dear Sir,

Yours with the papers relating to the Po Matter. Came up just to hand last week.

I have just handed the letter to Mr. Clay and in a Note to the Rill Durant. He has urged the case, and I will take the papers to the Senator tomorrow and see what can be done in the case. I hope to succeed.
I am glad to hear that your health and that of your family is no worse. My health is good, though my pleuritic difficulty troubles me considerably. It is clear to me that I do not lack rest, travelling & teaching all roads and all places in Michigan (and often not half protected from cold) has left its effects from which I never can hope to recover. Though in some respects my health is good, my wife's health I fear is not good.
I learn from your letter that you know a delining times at N well there is life enough here but no snow not a flake has fallen here this winter though the ground is considerably frozen and they call it cold here in Much ice Should call it much watery air shall have a reasonable season and I hope a profitable one I shall be glad to hear from you often I suppose the judgeship is settled to your favour you do not say how it is

Yours sincerely 

W. Fitzgerald