

Washington D.C.

White House dinner Jan 3 - 1852 Sat. eve.

Those present:

Secy of War: Charles M. Conrad of La  
(Predecessor of Jefferson Davis)

Dr Kane, Elisha Kent (1820-1857)  
in May 1850 surgeon & historian  
of first Grinnell exped. in search  
of Sir John Franklin

[Empire (and) mine) 175-1836 not this]

Shields (games) 1810-79

in Mex war with (Wing. Gen  
Gsch. Taylor and)

Scott Winfield (1786-1866)

(a Mexican hero Eisenhower?)  
in 1852 Whig candidate for Pres.  
with Graham

Cass Lewis (1782-1866) 10 eyes

"Landmann" of Capt John C.  
Long, both born in Exeter  
N.H.

? Morris Charles (1784-1856)  
Naval officer, first of naval  
academy - Commodore  
See: Autobiography 1880

Seward Wm Henry (1801-1872)  
Former Gov. of NY, Senator  
1849-61, Lincoln's Secy of  
State (1861-69)

Henry, Prof Joseph (1797-1878) <sup>physicist</sup>  
1846 1st Secy of Smithsonian  
Institute, discoverer of  
method of producing induced  
currents, anticipated Faraday  
by some years, originator  
of principle of telegraph  
before Morse

King Wm. Rufus (1786-1853)  
Senator of Ala, Pres. of Senate  
(He was not Vice Pres. at  
this time, since the former  
V.P., Millard Fillmore  
succeeded in the Presidency  
after Zach. Taylor's death,  
and the office of V.P. became  
vacant)  
He was elected V.P.  
in 1853 with  
Pierce, died  
same year

The presidential dinner wasn't a success. Pres. Fillmore's personality ~~wasn't~~ reserved, cool, but there was a special reason for his coolness this evening. Three days ago the Pres, who was entirely out of sympathy with H's interventionist aims, received the distinguished Hungarian at the White House.

Originally he did not ~~want~~ expect to receive H, but his Secretary of State, Daniel Webster, finally obtained

his willingness - under  
one condition: there will  
be no speeches only exchange  
of greetings. In spite of this  
after he and his group  
was presented to the Pres.,  
K. took a prepared speech  
and delivered it in his  
best oratorical manner.

The Pres. had to make  
some sort of an answer, which  
naturally could not have  
been anything but  
non-committal and  
meaningless

after weeks of undisturbed  
successes (he arrived Dec. 5-  
1851) Washington gave K.  
the first chill. Here he felt  
the first time, that in spite of the  
friendly friendliness of many pol.  
leaders, like S. Webster,  
Lewis Cass, <sup>and</sup> Shields,  
Edward Everett, the members of  
Congress zealously tried to  
avoid the slightest semblance  
of sharing K's ideas about  
intervention. Long and  
bitter debates preceded

the resolutions that he  
should be <sup>officially</sup> received in  
the chambers of Senate  
and House, the honor  
accorded before him only  
to Lafayette

