

Webster

Kossuth

3 page letter Jan 11-1852 "Vine Cottage"  
Washington, Sunday 12 o'clock  
to Mr. Blatchford

(written in the final year of his life)

(Park-Promet Sale N<sup>o</sup> 1787, 1957 dec. 3. Item 258 40<sup>00</sup>)

"My dinner speech [honoring Kossuth] will appear in the Republic tomorrow. I wish to act a conservative part, always. But there were two things I had to think of. First, to say nothing inconsistent with what I have said so often, about the principles of the Holy Alliance, etc. Second to take [care] that our political opponents shall have no well founded charge against us for coolness in the cause of Liberty; and then, again, I wished to give as little offence as possible to Governments, with whom we are at peace. Lord Palmerston's retirement will not prove a bad thing for us. I was surprised, however, at Lord Granville's appointment, not supposing him to stand high in the political world for so important a place..."