

Ashland 14<sup>th</sup> May 1845

Dear Sir,

Col John Brand and his son William, the bearers of this letter, being about to proceed to Europe for the purpose principally of reestablishing the health of the son, I beg leave to introduce them to you, and to recommend them to your friendly offices, as my neighbors, my personal friends, and as gentlemen of the highest respectability, enjoying the warm esteem and regard of all who know them.

I am with great respect

Your obed<sup>nt</sup> serv<sup>nt</sup>

H. E. Edward Everett

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