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Frederick Billings Esq

Dear Sir,

You will be assured by the receipt of this that I have not forgotten you. I trust you are by this time one of the first lawyers in California - as I am sure you were when you first entered that el dorado. But without further preface, let me present to you my young friend, Mr. Eugene Erving, the grandson of Mr. Clay. It is unnecessary to bespeak for him your polite attentions while he is in your part of the country, for I am sure that one who entertains so exalted an esteem for his grandfather as you do, will put it a privilege to polite & attentive to one standing in so near a relationship to him. Be kind enough to make Mr Erving acquainted with some of the prominent gentlemen of your city and oblige

Your friend & obt. servt  
W. Sargent