

(Private)

Washington June 25th 1841

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 10th Inst was
received to day - I thank you very sincerely
for your warm congratulations upon my
success to the Speakership - I perfectly concur
with you in the high estimate you put
upon the station - I esteem it the second
office under this Government - the
distinction, highly honourable at any time -
is peculiarly so - at the present time -
The Country is an extraordinary crisis - the
opening of a new Administration -
and an Extra Session called for con-
sideration & action on great measures -
adds in my judgment double value
to the Honour of the Station - For one
so young as myself to have been
chosen to preside over the first Deliber-
ative Body in the world - conferring