

Steamer Key Stone State,

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1857.

My Dear Sir,

I take pleasure in introducing to your acquaintance, Mr. Eugene Erwin, the bearer, late of Lexington, Ky., who visits California with the view of making it his future residence.

Mr. Erwin is a very worthy and respectable young gentleman, is a grand son of the Hon. Henry Clay of Ky. and although young, has already a large circle of friends, & I trust he is destined to be a valuable addition to your young and rising State.

Any aid you may be able to extend to him for facilitating his purposes, by timely information or suggestions, or by enlarging his acquaintance, &c. &c. will be worthily bestowed and will be gratefully acknowledged by,

Dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,  
J. W. Whitcomb,

His Excellency,

Gen. M. Douglass,

San Francisco,

Cal.