



Washington D.C.
Oct 16th 1863.

Dear Mr. Davenport

Acknowledging receipt of your note of
the 14th. I reply in the affirmative to your
request on behalf of the American Dramatic
Fund. naming Tuesday Evening 27th inst^o - as the
occasion - reserving to myself the right
to claim from you that the fact shall not
be announced to the public, until after
the night of the 22nd inst^o - giving you full
five days for advertisement.

I ask for one of my "private prescriptions"
to me - my children are all ailing, however
now or sickly, or strong or healthy. I am
unfortunately only provided with costume

for the character, having determined before
I came not to act for any but charitable
purposes. I supposed that Lady Macbeth
& "My Sunils" would come sufficient
ground for this purpose - then you
must choose between them.

I hope the receipt may be as good as it
was before - & that some of ^{my} professional brethren
who favoured their services at my Phi^a & Boston
"Benefit for the Sanitary Commission" may
be ever & helped in the future by the result
of my professional labour & willingness
to aid them -

With sentiments of esteem

Believe me

Your truly

Wm. A. D. Drake

In Washington. Care of Hon. W. A. Seward
until Monday PM.
& after that until Tuesday 21st
La Parrot Street
Phi^a