Union Office
Feb. 23, 1846

Dear Sir,

I feel it due to you to state that I am decidedly not suited for my present position. My disposition as well as my health and happiness requires a business of a more quiet nature. I hope therefore you will consent that I should retire from the Union on the first day of May next. In the mean time I will try to find some friend to take my place who will be acceptable to you or I will turn over my interest to yourself or any friend you may name.

Your Truly,

T. Ritchie Esq.