

Rufus King to John Quincy Adams, 18 April 1823

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Dr Sir,

Your letter of the 7th. instant, states that the ~~S'y of N.~~ communication of the S.N. had not been made. A letter from him of the 6th. says "that he had made the communication, and in Reply was informed that no appointment would be made in some time; and could not be made in Season for the Spring Courts, there was no necessity for acting at present: nothing was said indicating the intention relative to the appointment, and from what occurred the Sy. N. impressed his belief that the P. is quite undecided, meaning to take due time for consideration." I have no suggestion to offer on this occasion, & I write merely to apprise you of what I learn on this Subject. The most ordinary mind could not fail to understand the importance of deciding without Postponement, and my apprehension is that the Delay may be considered as evidence of Disinclination, and produce the dissatisfaction of a Refusal. I do not regard the Postponement as proof of any thing but imbecility and the bad habit of a hesitating mind.

faithfully yr ob. Servt

signed Rufus King

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