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of the office an incumbency
~~than~~ the duties ~~are~~ and were so con-
sidered, to such an extent, that no man could
be found who was willing to take the office
and discharge its duties; ~~therefore~~ ^{admiral} Miss Johnston
became postmistress in fact, though not in name,
and ~~performed~~ ^{performed} its duties. As the
State's practice of the public generally for
several years, and still its income was deemed
of some object. Now that the office is
of some value to the incumbent, I deem

it best an act of simple justice that
she should have it.

Your influence at the Post Office Dept almost
in her behalf is solicited by

Yours truly,
A. A. Richards

Sir: When Congress meets in July I hope
and trust it will fully sustain the Administrator
in every necessary measure to assist and maintain
the authority of the Federal government over
every foot of all the States and Territory.
I want the President to have authority to put
in to the public half a million of men, any of need
be a million. The latter number will be quite but
about one in twenty of the loyal population.
I go for putting down treason, fully and completely
and say it is the expense
My country shall have my poor services if needed.

Tom Brown May 15th 1861

Dear Mr. Fiske

I doubt not your
time is sufficient ~~to accept~~ ~~in proper~~
by ~~the~~ applicants of your numerous
political friends relative to the various
offices where your influence is ~~generally~~
most ~~valuable~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~found~~ ~~and~~ ~~indulgence~~

For the purpose of

There are two applicants for the Post Office
at Fort Fairfield, viz. Mr. David Kays and
a Mrs. James C. Johnston, I am, and have been
for many years, intimately acquainted with both
the applicants. Mr. Kays is a worthy and respectable
man, to whom there can be no personal objection
to his appointment. There are several good and
efficient reasons why he should and have the
office, and why a Mrs. Johnston should not.
- Mrs. Johnston has a petition annexed and
reads it. It is a petition containing the names of a
large majority of the citizens of Fort Fairfield
where Mrs. Johnston is regarded as the mother.
Another good reason why she should have the
office is the fact that, some years ago, when

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