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Letter From Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson to Jacob Sloat Fassett, April 22, 1909

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Personal

April 22, 1909.

My dear Mr. Fassett:

Pray accept my sincere apology for being so late in answering your letter of April 6th. I am horrified to find it still unanswered. Not by way of excuse, but to show good intentions, I may add that I have begun writing it at least three times.

Pursuant to your wish your letter under acknowledgment will not be filed, and the letter of Mr. Valois to you, dated March 8th, is herewith returned.

The records of the Department show that Arthur E. Valois applied in 1897 for a Judgeship in Egypt for which he submitted numerous endorsements. His name was one of the four submitted to the Khedive in 1908 with reference to the vacancy in the Court of Appeals and Mr. Berry was chosen. He afterward applied for the Cairo Agency and Consulate General and recently for a mission in Europe.

With regard to the three questions whether there is hope of Mr. Valois being appointed Minister somewhere; whether his case will be laid before the President, and what are the chances at this time for the appointment of a New York man in the diplomatic service, I can only say that the case will receive due consideration in connection with the examination of similar cases, but that in my personal

opinion it is unlikely that the appointment would be feasible. Of course, the question of the quota of New York involves the question of other diplomatic appointments already determined upon or later to be decided, and hence one can make no prognostication at this time when, as you know, diplomatic appointments are being considered with the deliberation which their importance demands.

If this reply is not responsive to your inquiry will you not be good enough to let me know by telephone in order that I may add further explanation?

Again hoping that you will be amiable enough to excuse the tardiness of this reply, I remain, my dear Mr. Fassett,

Very sincerely yours,

The Honorable J. Sloat Fassett,
U.S. House of Representatives.

Enclosure:

Mr. Valois' letter returned.