

Office of U. S. Commissioner of Immigration,

New York, N. Y.

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My Dear Powderly,

Yours of the 9th inst  
at hand and in explanation of delay  
in not answering before this beg to say I left  
on the morning of the 9th with my wife & her  
mother for a few days pleasure in Orange  
Co. to drink buttermilk and Applejack  
— they added Cucumbers which laid  
them up & I was obliged to remain  
~~two~~ days longer than I intended. I am  
sorry to learn that there is <sup>every</sup> the remotest  
intention of appointing Jas. E. March  
(or Marchetti) — as some of his country-  
men call him — to any position in  
this department. He is an Italian  
Contractor, and is not the man I would



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recommend to you for such a position  
There is a large number of applicants  
whom I would indeed in preference to  
have. The largest number of immigrants  
arriving here are from Italy and to  
have an Italian Chairman of the Recep-  
tion Committee, when they land, I am afraid  
the large numbers of public charges would  
not be discovered, much less the murderers  
& thieves. However we must abide events  
When will you be over? There are some  
things that I want specially to talk to  
you about. Oh! by the way do you think  
it would be well for me to see the President  
about March? If you think so I will  
consult Mr. Sweeney Jones  
Thomas F. Jones