

10.

The gentle breezes sooth our brows
The sky is blue & clear
The palm leaves whisper kindly things
And that is all we hear;

11.

Save Neptune's inarticulate
And murmured conversation
That speaks a tongue that brings us peace
Amid a troubled nation.

12.

The Gulf of Mexico is near
as smooth as gasoline;
and now, at last, we know just what
the words "That Good Gulf" mean.

13.

I speak the words the wise should heed
From this vacation land
'Tis better far and comfort know
Than try to be too grand.

14.

Oh! What a glorious thing it is
To see the sky of blue
And know that we can live without
A-God-Sam-thing-to-do.

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GASPARILLA INN
BOCA GRANDE, FLORIDA

Missy
Prepare Reply!
JRR

Dec. 4, 1937.

Dear Mr. President-

Here we are where
the mañana grows. We
arrived Jan. 27th and I've
been horizontal practically
all the time. This is
one of the few perpendicular
moments I've had. It's
either utter fatigue or
the 1st stages of sleeping
sickness.

The beach is
1½ short blocks away - I

go down there & lie down
for $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 hours and am
then so worn out I have
to come back to the
cottage & go to bed for
2 hours. Practically

everyone is in bed by
10:30 - even the "bridgers" -
being in a cottage we
could stay up until
11, if we got wild.

There is a fair
5 hole golf course that
Homer played yesterday -
he is going to play again
today. but thinks he'll
have to rest 2 or 3 days

'after that.

The place is infested with Du Ponts, although we haven't seen one yet - not that we'd know one if we fell over it. They are spoken of in hushed tones - the manager (for no reason at all) said to us one day in a tone that sounded to me like "the voice that breathed o'er Eden": "Mr. Harry Du Pont was in to lunch yesterday." As the Du Ponts to me are less than the dust I generally gaze ceilingward to see if my flier came in with them, but apparently some of

these people mistake them
for God. I say That's settin'
up false gods & down with 'em.

The first night we
were here a Bowager came
up & asked me if I
liked to go shelling. My
poor old brain has been
limping along on 3 cylinders
for the past few months - so
I looked at her in a dazed
way & wondered what she was
talking about - the only

Schelling I knew anything
about was Emerson & while
I liked his concepts very
much I couldn't imagine
"going for him". First: I've
already "gone for" Homer Cummings
& second: Mrs. Schelling (if there



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is one) night object. So, I
stupidly repeated "Shelling-
Schelling" - "Yes," said she
brightly - "there are lovely
ones all along the shore."
I came too with a start
& allowed I was too tired
to go shelling. I never
can understand why
lowagers - ponderous ones,
too - are attracted to me -
During the 6 years in
Washington I had the
fanciest collection of lowagers
you ever saw who all thought -
believe it or not - I was "shelling."

51. Do you think they
understand what I'm saying?
It must be a fatal defect
in my character 'cause on
the surface I ought to
be poison to them.

We felt very
bad when we left and
wished we might have
wafted you away. Around
here is supposed to be
the greatest tarpon
fishing grounds in the
U.S.

There were 20 at
the train to say "au revoir"
from 3 chauffeurs of the D. & J.
up to & including the attorney

General. Homer got some
of his favorite Champagne
& I got crissages & books &
magazines. Just as we
were pulling out Homer
called to them the only thing
they forgot was the rice.

We do wish you
were here or some place
where the skies are soft
& blue and the breezes
balmy — & the fishing
an Idyllic Walton Paradise —
& there ain't no Senators.

Enclosed is
Homer's gift to anthologies
If he could only get
more sweetness and light

into it he could have
Eddie Guest's job.

As always our
affectionate wishes go
to you.

T.T.



PSF: Homer Cummings
Justice

March 11, 1939.

Dear Homer:-

Many thanks for your letter. It is mighty good to hear from you and especially to know that all goes well with you and Cecilia.

Be sure to let me know as soon as you come back to this village!

I know how you feel about Harold. I have been back such a short time that I have not had a chance for more than a five minute talk on the vacancy situation and I am still in the process you know so well — getting "dope" on half a dozen different people. I hope to make a decision soon but it certainly is a difficult problem!

As ever yours,

Honorable Homer S. Cummings,
1830 K Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

FOREST HILLS HOTEL
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

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Dear Mr. President:-

I sincerely and with all my heart hope you will appoint Harold Stephens to the Supreme Court. Of course you have long known how I feel about the matter and why. But I thought you would not mind if I summed up, as it were:

1. Clearly the appointment should go to either the 9th or the 10th circuit. That is hardly open to debate. Our western friends are loyal but disturbed. They have a good case and both as a matter of justice and policy they should not be disappointed.
2. I have combed the whole Territory and there are but a few possibilities -- Denman, Schwollenbach, Rutledge and Stephens.
3. Denman - fine and loyal and progressive - but the age factor is fatal.
4. Schwollenbach - a fine man and loyal - but without Judicial or scholastic background - or with experience at the bar.
5. Rutledge -- a man of good ability and progressive -- but would not be regarded as well qualified for the Supreme Court -- and Iowa is not far enough West -- and Associate Justice Butler comes from the same circuit.
6. Stephens -- far and away the best qualified of all. Experienced as a Judge in a trial court in Utah - degrees from Harvard and elsewhere - and a fine record in his present post. He was one of the group that stood behind George Dern and against the old crowd in Utah. George Dern was one of the first to speak to me about him. I talked to Stephens in my early days as A. G. and decided right away he was a man I wanted. You know of his work as Asst. to the A. G. -- and as Assistant A. G. in charge of the Anti-Trust Division. He has argued case after case in the Supreme Court. He was with us in the early days when the going was difficult. He never wavered - worked like a horse and went through fire with us. I know the work he did

and of his loyalty to you and the Administration. He is a progressive -- was so in the early days both as a judge and as a citizen. If he should be appointed you could rely upon the same attitude toward constitutional questions and administration questions as was exemplified by Cardozo and carried on by those of his school. He is a student and a scholar of wide learning. The West would acclaim the appointment and the country would applaud. I am very fond of Harold Stephens - but I think I can view the matter impersonally.

7. I know that other suggestions have been made - such as Douglas, Hutchinson and Bratton - but I assume that you will not find them available - for one reason or another.

Hutchinson & Bratton we know about and have discussed heretofore. Douglas is of the East - so unmistakably that his appointment, whatever else might be said of it, would not be a recognition of the Great West.

8. It all comes back to Stephens -- far and away the best qualified, the best trained, the most available, the most experienced and the only one in the lot who really knows the problem of administration in a modern state as it impinges upon the law.

Pardon the lengthy epistle - but I feel very strongly on the subject.

Your address to Congress was in your best vein. I thought it a perfect document -- and so far overtopped the address of the C. J. that it gave us a real thrill. Cecilia and I are having a real vacation and as ever and always send affectionate greetings.

HOMER CUMMINGS

TO THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TO THE PRESIDENT

HOME COOKING

...of the C. J. Spitz...

on the employee. In a modern state we have employees who are not only one of the most important factors in the production of goods and services, but also one of the most important factors in the production of the national income.

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Sincerely Affectionate
to the President - Washington D.C. John W. Adams

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Mrs. H. Cummings

March 13, 1939

Dear Cecilia:

I have been a very long time in replying to thank you for that letter which was such a joy. I do hope the whole visit has been pleasant and restful and that you and Homer will come back feeling completely refreshed.

The poem is lovely and makes me long to spend weeks in Florida. Some day I shall!

We missed you much at the Cabinet Dinner and next year you must both be there with us.

My affectionate greetings to you both.

As ever,

F. D. R.

Mrs. Homer Cummings
Forest Hills Hotel
Augusta, Georgia

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