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Seats Spoken for when vacant
it has been the custom, from
the formation of the Senate
that when a Seat becomes vacant
the first Senator that speaks for
that Seat is entitled to it
the officer of the Senate has
freed the place that I now
occupy had charge of the
Chair and desk of the Senate
and when ever a Senator thought
a Seat would be vacant, he
spoke to the officer for that Seat
that custom is still keep up
on the 3. of March when ever

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the air is to be a Change of Senators
it is my Custom to go round and
see the Senators that Chace their
Seats So as to make the Changes
on the Evening of the 4th of March

So that every thing will be
in order when they meet on the 5th

with what effort Some Senators
make to obtain Seats, When Vacant,
they have Council on Me at My house
before Sun Rise, in the Morning
and late at Night to speak for
a Seat that they thought had not
been spoken for. When I tell them
they are too late than are surprised

one of the most unphased
duties I had to perform
was to assign seats to Senators
& what a best deference
in Mean, some misad and
pleasant matters were highlighted
and wanting the best seats
in the Senate

on several occasions I
have heard Senate come to
the annexes Me of Foster
an intimacy that I had given
seven Senator preference, which
I can say I never did the Senate
speaking first all was got the seats.

The Chairs, and Desks of Senators
 are made of Mahogany. I think the
 old one was ~~the~~ built, in 1810,
 when ever there is a New State
 admitted in the Yallery, there is
 two, new ones Made - of the same
pattern, for a grate number of
 years I have watch the Seats and
Chair, with grate Leis, one of the
 usual Senators - when I was quite a
 youth - would me to note what desk
 and Chair Clay, Webster, Calhoun, Benton
occupied for they would be sought
 for in after days, every time I have
noted what Senators occupied those,

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and want to now how it is
 done. I tell them a Letter
 Senate has spoken for that seat
 six months ago,

the seats in front of the Vice
 President are mostly sought for
 on the right and left half
way on both sides

I will give a few instances of what
 difficulty I have to contend with
 Senate Manderson was down for
 Senator Logan. Seat I could on
 him and ask him if I should change
 his seat to where Senator Logan sat
 he would me to wait he would

But when he was until it
was decided with Logan would
be relected, that if he was
he would not take it. So I did
not.

I also conferred on Senator Miller
of New York he was down for
Senator Blair's seat I took the
liberty to say to him that Mr Blair
expected to return to the Senate in
a few days, Senator Miller, replied
to me, am I not book for his seat
when vacant, I replied yes,
then I want it