Paris 2d August 1861.

To
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here I proceeded to Belgium and presented to the "American Trading Company" the law incorporating them as a Georgia Company and offering the subsidy therein proposed for the establishment of a line of Steamers. After some delay I found the Company were not strong enough to embark in such an undertaking and I returned to this place for the purpose of seeing what could be done here. Last year a law had been passed offering a large subsidy for

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so changed as to authorize the northern line to be sent to Savannah and the West India line to New Orleans. This I have accomplished, by much labour, without pledging the subsidy offered by Georgia. I am now negotiating with a company in London for the establishment of a line from Liverpool to Savannah and feel quite confident of success.

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strongly in our favour. All these things I shall prove to your Excellency. I have also had my pamphlet printed in London for distribution. I have also written many articles for the press here, and had them translated. All this has not only cost me much labour but quite a large sum of money. My expenses ~~have~~ for copying, translating, printing, postages, stamps and distributing will be over two thousand dollars. I do not hesitate to say that I have changed the opinion of the Government and of France and Bro't [brought] it over

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South. All this I shall prove to the satisfaction of your Excellency. I think I may also ~~add~~ say that the Government is fast preparing to recognize the Government of the Confederate States and possibly to form an alliance with it!! I may mention that I have been invited to a private interview with the Emperor, which is to take place early next week, on the subject of American affairs and the proposed line of steamers from Havre to Savannah.

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incur much greater expense than the appropriation of the Legislature will cover. This, as I have done on my own responsibility, I expect to pay, but as no draft on my factor or any private person could be cashed here I have been compelled to draw on your Excellency for $2.500. at 90 days and I most earnestly ~~request~~ beg your Excellency to protect the draft in favour of Messrs. Ad. Mannard & Co., for that amount until I can return and meet the payment which I expect it will be some time before it falls due.

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prepare a particular report on all my labours and proceedings. I shall not pledge the Subsidy offered by Georgia unless it becomes absolutely necessary to secure the line of Steamers from Liverpool to Savannah.

I am, in much haste to secure the mail, with great respect Your Excellency's Mo. Obt. Serv't.

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