

Paris 2[2?] August 1861

To

His Excellency

Joseph E. Brown

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Dear Sir

I have had the honor to transmit to you three reports of my pro-ceedings since my departure from Georgia but as I have not heard from your Excellency I am apprehen-sive my communications, letters and reports have been seized by the post office spies in the North-ern States. Under this im-pression I will ~~write~~ recite the main points of my reports as I am assured this note will reach you through the agents pf a banking firm here.

Soon after my arrival

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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 offer-ing the subsidy therein proposed for the establish-ment 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 pur-pose of seeing what could be done here. Last year a law had been passed offer-ing a large subsidy for the establishment of one ~~of large~~ line of large steamers from Havre to New York and another from Bor-deaux to the West Indies. I proposed to have the law

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so changes 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.

I have addressed a letter of near forty ~~pages~~ printed pages to the Minister of Commerce on the subject of the commercial re-lations hitherto existing be-tween the Northern and Southern States. This com-munication, a copy of which I immediat{e}ly for-warded to your Excellency, was considered to impor-tant by the Government and by all Americans from the South that I was urged

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to have it printed and distributed. This I did and it was the cause of the change in the laws above mentioned. I caused a copy, in manuscript, to be laid before the the Emper-or and to be handed to each of the Departments of the Governments. I distributed printed copies to all the members of the Senate and Corps Legis-latiff, to all the Bankers, chambers of Commerce, Newspapers, principal merchants of France. The efferect has been to change the entire tone of the press and

the public opinion of Paris and bring them over to ~~the~~ in favor of the Confederate States. It is also now known that the Government is

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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 expense ~~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 France and bro't (brought) it over in ~~our~~ favour of the South. All this I shall prove to the satisfaction of your Excellency. I think I may also ~~add~~ say that the Gov-ernment is fast prepa-ring to recognize the Gov-ernment of The Confeder-ate 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 steam-ers from Havre to Savan-nah.

Your Excellency will per-ceive that to accomplish the objects of my mission I have been induced to

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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 per-son 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. Man-nard & Co., for that amount until I can return and meet the payment which I expect ~~to~~ will be some time before it falls due.

As I have now found a channel through which my letter will certainly reach your Excellency I shall soon

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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 necess-ary to secure the line of steamers from Liverpool to Savannah.

I am, in much haste

to secure[?] the mail,

with great respect

Your Excellencys

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