

Savannah Geo. May 1/65

My dear Sir,

I write this hurried note to say that the way being so nearly closed I had about made up my mind to resign & in fact had argued the point last night strongly with Gen^l Grover when this morning Gen^l. Sherman arrived & gave me an order to proceed to Augusta with a force (my own Brigade is to rejoin me from North Carolina) & take command there, receive the surrender of the confederate forces & take charge of the country. This is a thing most gratifying to me as a soldier & more so as a merchant for a crowd of cotton operators & negro worshippers have hungered for the place which in hands of a dishonest man could be used to private speculation. Sherman has spoken very highly to me & it is a pleasing duty to conciliate the people. I think as true hearted democratic merchants of the North you will be glad to have me accept this for I can really do much as a gentleman to bring around a return of Georgians to the Union & have general good feeling. I am not at all well but the station is healthy & after a little time I can resign. Frank went to his regiment a few days ago but will rejoin me very soon at Augusta.

I told Mr. Burnham to let you know that the New York board of Underwriters had voted me a service of place (value at \$500) for services rendered to the Ship "Lawrence" when stranded off Fort Pulaski. This was quite unexpected but it is pleasant for me to know that merchants of my own city have seen fit to think well of any little service I have rendered Commerce. I have directed the plate to be sent to your care.

I have not been paid for many months & my staff have had to live on me, the consequence is that for the present I have to draw on my friends north to live. I have drawn on Mr. Burnham for \$150 which he will honor himself & on you for \$64.25 in favor of Wm Radde which please honor & charge to me as soon as I am paid I can return it. I hope you will approve of my doing this for actual expenses rather than me being under obligations to speculators by borrowing money. I desire to do justly & be under no favor to any one while acting officially.

Please send this to Peter. I have written to him twice without any answer but I suppose the mails have miscarried.

Please let me hear from you.

Yours in haste
E.L.Molineux

To D.F. Tiemann & Co.

Address me care of Gen^l. Grover Savannah.