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New Orleans

March 22nd 1864

The Right-Hon^{ble} Earl Russell. K. G.

Her Majesty's Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs

My Lord

The undersigned
British Subjects and Merchants
engaged in trade with Great
Britain, fully impressed
with the questionable propriety
of intruding upon your Lordship's
views in relation to the object
of their application, would
respectfully but earnestly
request the appointment
of George Coppell Esq, now
acting Consul at New Orleans,
as Consul in this Port, left
Vacant

vacant by the death of
Wm. M. E. Esq.

The undersigned have
been induced to address your
Lordship in his behalf in
consideration of the very
extraordinary services which
have been forced upon him
by the unhappy struggle
which for the last two years
and a half has existed in the
United States: and of the
self sacrifice, kindness, and
ability with which he has
honestly discharged the arduous
duties of his Office without
giving offense to those who
were in power.

The undersigned who
are, it must be admitted,
competent judges of facts and
events

events in which they have
participated, are satisfied
that it would be difficult
to find one who could have
protected the interests confided
to his care through this storm
with greater success; and that
his conduct, whilst it secured
the respect of those in Authority,
has or should have, satisfied
all who sought for Consular
assistance.

With reference to his official
^{capacity} the undersigned can of course
suggest nothing -

Your Lordship & Her
Majesty's Minister at Washington
being far more fitting Judges
than themselves but they would
remark, that the appointment,
if made would be in their
opinion but a slender
recompense

compence for the anxiety
and amount of personal
labor which the Office, through
the period they have referred
to, has exacted from M^r Appell.

We have the honor to be
Your Lordships Most Obedient Servants

M^r J. Robinson

Nelson M ^r Steu	W ^m Hood
Gray Brother	Edwin Briggs
F. Norman Jackson	Chas Sagony Pres ^t
Ind. Wall & Co	Mercantile Ins. Co
George B. Salkeld	Ch. Chapelle Pres ^t
F. Syme & Co	Union, Ins. Co.
Esa. Wood	H. Sunside.
H. Haice & Co	L. B. Postice.
Arch ^d Montgomery	J. Edward Glenn.
J. Kuntzschmitt	George A. Eaton.
Ralle Beauachi & Co	Robert - Dimpf
Arthur C. Waugh	Sgt W ^m Couoco
agent of Lloyds, and of the Liverpool and Association at New Orleans.	J. M. D. Taylor
W ^m Pichm & Co	Robt. S. Clark
B. V. D. Abrams	Chas J. Daron agent of the Liverpool & London fire & Life Insurance Company at New Orleans
Aymar & Church	Thos. A. Adams
Com. J. Fortall	Pres ^t Treas ^r Mut. Ins. Co.
	Thos. Sloo
	Sec ^y Mutual Ins. Co.

Ruicide Fortall
President, Proteud,
New Orleans Mut. Ins. Co }
G. S. Gailard President }
Citizens Mutual Ins. Co }
J. B. Morrison.
J. S. Dupin.
Chas. Briggs.
J. L. Crawford M.D. M. R. C. S. Eng.
J. S. Browne.
Edwin Ferguson.
W. H. Giffney

A True Copy of the original trans-
mitted to Genl. Pickens in my
Despatch, Separate, of March 23rd
1864

Wm. Appell
H. Mitchell Stewart

New Orleans
March 24. 1864.

Copy.

Separate.

British Consulate,
New Orleans. March 23. 1864.

My Lord,

Apart from any desire
of my own, it is the wish of
a large number of the most
respectable British Merchants, and
Merchants and others having business
relations with Great Britain,
residing at this Port, that I should
apply to Your Lordship for the

The Right Hon^{ble}

position

Earl Russell K. G.

Her Majesty's Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs.

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position of Consul now vacant
by the death of Wm. Mure Esq.:
I have the honour to inclose
herewith a paper addressed to Your
Lordship, which has been handed
to me to-day for transmission.
The respectability of the signers,
and their positions in this
Community, is the only excuse I
can offer for intruding this
unwarranted expression of their
opinions or desire.

The experience of nearly
four years in this Consulate, and,
since September 4th 1861, as Her
Majesty's Acting Consul, has, I trust,
not

not been lost upon me. I have
had the honour to receive Your
Lordship's approval of my pro-
ceedings; and - of necessity - having
more communication with Her
Majesty's Minister at Washington
than with Your Lordship (and to
whom at all times I have fully
reported my actions) His Lordship
has frequently - if not in all
cases - accorded his approbation.

On these grounds alone
do I present myself to Your
Lordship as an applicant for
the position, and, should
Your

Your Lordship be pleased to
Confer the appointment upon me,
it shall be my earnest endeavour
to discharge the duties that may
devolve upon me in such a
manner as to obtain the
approval of my superiors in Her
Majesty's Service.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servant,

Wm. Coppell.