

New York 28 June 1866

Dear Sir We are just in receipt of
your Telegram of this date addressed to
an Mr Phelps in answer to the one which
he dispatched to you yesterday, and we
have replied thereto that we are willing
to wait, provided you can be here within
the time named by you say 6 or 8
weeks - We had some candid talk
tentative in sending off an first despatch
to you, not knowing exactly how you were
situated in New Orleans or what your
business prospects there were, but we
thought them could be no harm in
making the offer and are glad to find

that an proposal is agreeable to you.

The occasion of an walking it is simply
this - On the 17th, he has had the
bulk of the English correspondence under
his care, has not been very well for some
time past and is now recommended
by his Physician to devote himself
up closely to business & particularly
to abstain from writing much.

To relieve him thoroughly without
throwing additional ~~work~~ work upon
the other Partners can only be done by
securing the services of a good correspon-
-dent accustomed to the business of
the country, and our business relations
with yourself having convinced us that

you possessed the necessary requirements
we determined to submit the offer
to you before taking any other steps
in the matter, and your prompt accep-
tance of it relieves us of embarrassment.

A portion of the correspondence is at
present conducted by a young man who
is learning us in the course of a few weeks
and we should require you to approve the
Latin character of the correspondence in the
English language - We do not think
that you have any knowledge of the
Spanish language a great deal of Spanish
so much the better, for a being large
preparation of an correspondence is in
that language. In French we do but little

While the conducting of the correspondence
 should be your principal care, we
 should yet expect you to lend your
 aid to the general business of the
 office when not engaged in correspondence.

We shall endeavor to make your
 position in the office a pleasant one
 but would wish you at the same time
 clearly to understand that we hold out
 no prospect of any advancement in it
 beyond such increase of salary hereafter as
 might be warranted by the value of your
 services to us. We confirm our Mr Phelps'

Telegram of yesterday as to present rate of
 Compensation say \$3,000 to \$4,000 per annum.

Pray telegraph an acknowledgment of the receipt
 of the present if you find all in conformity with
 your understanding of our requirements.

Yours truly
 George Coppell Esq
 New Orleans.

We are, Dear Sir
 Yours very truly
 Wm A Phelps



George Lippell Esq
New Orleans

Recd July 4. 1866.

Answered July 10. 1866.

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