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Telegrams from  
St W Phelps, and  
letter to him

Respecting position.

June 27. 529. 1866.

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New Orleans.

June 29. 1866.

Royal Phelps Esq.  
New York.

Dear Sir,

I had the pleasure to receive  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> instant your telegram of  
that date, reading - Would you accept  
"a situation as Corresponding Clerk in our  
"office at a Salary of three or four thousand  
"dollars Currency" - to which I replied in  
the ~~same~~ evening of the same day - "If you  
"can wait six or eight weeks until I am  
"relieved of charge of Consulate I accept. Please  
"telegraph reply as on receipt will take  
"action if necessary. I write particulars; and  
this



This morning I am favoured with your telegram of yesterday's date - "Will wait provided you can be here within time" States. Letter to-day.

To-day I write to be relieved of charge of the Consulate, fortunately having met a gentleman competent and willing to assume the position, and I hope ~~at the latest~~ to be able to leave New Orleans about the 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> August - at the latest. In the meantime I shall make arrangements to get my house and office off my hands so that I may have nothing to detain me.

I think it proper to state that, though I have a knowledge of the French language, I am not sufficiently 'au fait' to



to correspond in it; I shall be glad to know if it is essential in the situation you have so kindly offered me.

With regard to the ~~sum~~ <sup>amount</sup> mentioned in your telegram, I ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> ~~nothing~~ <sup>merely to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>remark</sup> that as I shall have heavy expenses in moving my family, refurnishing &c I would ~~not~~ have to ask for the ~~extreme~~ larger amount, <sup>and</sup> which I trust would be satisfactory to you.

In conclusion I beg to offer you, Sir, my thanks for this renewed expression of your good opinion - which ~~being~~ <sup>highly</sup> ~~constituted~~ <sup>inestimable</sup> value I shall endeavour to deserve for all time.

They remain,

Dear Sir,

Your faithful servant,  
Wm. M. W.