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To Mr Phelps
July 21. 1866.

New Orleans.
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Dear Sir,

I received in due
course of the mail ~~from~~ ^{the}
~~note~~ note you favoured
me with of date the 8th
instant.

I can assure you
I will do all in my power
^{to take my new position}
~~to leave here~~ without a days
delay, ~~and~~ ^{for} so far as my
own affairs are concerned

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I ^{should} ~~shall~~ be able to leave
New Orleans ^{about} ~~a day or two~~
~~after the 1st prox^o~~ ^{++ 2nd or 3rd}, but have
to await the sanction of the
Secretary of Foreign Affairs
to the appointment of a 'locum
tenens'. ^{But} ~~this~~ ^{will} be received
by the Steamer from Liverpool
of the 25th - or at latest by
Cunard Steamer of 28th instant,
and within 48 hours after it is
in my hands I hope to be on
my way to N.Y.

I am sorry to hear

so

so poor an account of
Mr Gordon's health, and I trust
that ^{some} relief ~~from~~ the of the
correspondence may have the
effect desired.

I am,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
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