

New Port R. I.

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1848

My dear Sir

Look well around You. if  
 You have not already - N. P. B. I. - 2 and You  
 are full of venom They have written to Waring  
 too complaining of our Money Transactions  
 Public & Private I am accused of mis-  
 erable acts. & loss of pocketing the revenue  
 by exactions before You would enter reply  
 - of Mariano. & Washburn - then Claiborn & Co.  
 \$1200. & 1500. - The Hon Secretary of War has had  
 me before him (10<sup>th</sup> Nov) - and asked me to con-  
 fess - He suspected me of fraud & corruption  
 He asked me Questions bluntly" is if I had  
 rec<sup>d</sup> - \$1000. of Soburn & do do too. 1000. of "Jolly's"  
 "I said Yes Sir" \$500. each 500 to West & 500 to Wyre  
 "You will refund all You rec<sup>d</sup> Sir" - & I must  
 obey - You will refund as follows

Oregon	\$11,768.13	- including all forfeitures
Solary	566.	\$289.70 - omitted - and \$300
Merian	6092.70	lost voucher - of draw back - or
Escorts	1000. "	wrong addition -
	1150.	Mariano & Co 400. + Claiborn \$7.50
	<u>\$25,427.</u>	

The Escort Money to be returned by Ser<sup>y</sup>.  
 See this I am about to do - I have it in Bank  
 I stole

that I rec<sup>d</sup>. 400. of Malians I gave ~~to~~ got, 400 - intended  
for him - Thos Gutterman have made no statements  
or Complaints - by word or in writing - but Van  
has got a verbal statement - he say. Now you note  
their notes<sup>d</sup> desiring you to receive the gift, as  
a free offering - Their rascals accuse us of demanding  
or exacting money, as a condition before they business  
could be done in the office - This you know is not  
so. - What learned vice was for extra service by him  
a 400 - from Malians - I want you now, to pro-  
cure from those persons, certificates, that they  
have not authorized any complaints to be made  
ag<sup>t</sup> ~~them~~ or you & that the gift was entirely  
a free offering - without demand or exactness  
(I told them that they would have to pay a little  
for extra<sup>d</sup> - (Clerk - hire &c<sup>d</sup>) <sup>as you were worried & Cash sick</sup> ~~for~~ Tell them  
that Taylor has wrong us, by false statements  
or coming from them - He refers to conversation  
in which they state, Malians has asserted that we  
exact<sup>d</sup> money from him - before he could get us  
to do our duty - of course this he will not state  
as I know him, to be a gentleman - and Man of truth  
Mr Cason<sup>d</sup> seems not to have made any com-  
plaint - in writing (either) but Taylor & C<sup>d</sup>, state  
similar - accusations, as coming from them -  
through Van - Now I request you to get from  
those Gentlemen - duplicate statements - and  
can see the right one, <sup>to</sup> manage this, as it  
should be - I am of opinion you have already  
done good service - from what Mr Chon say<sup>d</sup> - wrote  
about

Sindenberg - (who does not appear) The Secretary writes  
me to pay over to him - Malian's Gift & Clauson's  
also -  $400 + 750 = 1150$  - which was handed to me  
after we had closed business - in the Custom House  
& we had no further entries to make - as a free  
Present or Gift - not interfering with regular payments  
of duties - (as seen on the Papers handed in) which  
and I shall hand over to "Money" - The Secy says  
it was wrong - I told him I did not think so  
The Gifts were merely private offerings - on their  
part - (I marked or demanded - not a Cent paid)  
for Extra labor gratuitously bestowed - in a  
grateful way - You can arrange the words to  
suit your - better than I can - as You know  
what was said & written - The Secy speaks of  
writing to You - for the Books Hoopery - You be  
ready - on all points - & to return the money -  
- I defended You stoutly - would not suffer  
any wrong or abuse or fraud - to any man - on  
our part - as I know of no exceptions - ~~no~~ <sup>no</sup> offerings  
to offend or do injury to man or <sup>the</sup> Gov - The  
entries being all regular & Customary - I have  
to pay over \$289. for forfeitures - not credited of  
the Escrow Loan - 300. \$ for wrong addition - Mexican  
Draw books - \$589 - Law not allowed pay, except  
a Gov of the City - (I saw his 1300 \$ - was paid  
in the right place -) and seen by the Secy - in July -  
I have notes to pay up \$589. for doing my duty  
but they offer me promises - on Congress - for  
something - so much for looking - one voucher  
out of a Cart load

I shall sell all my Bonds & Stock - and pay up  
I know know than - will be required - Thanks  
God - Mr Holmes of S. C. Member say<sup>d</sup> by God -  
they shall pay you for your troubles & expenses - Oh  
I have to see Mr Morcy that the letters of Taylor & Co<sup>d</sup>  
are authentic and he or say. Evidence - only - He will  
return them with my remarks - and then Taylor  
will be up and doing again - I have accounts  
for the 1300. \$. Wally gave me - before the scandal came  
so there he raised his arm at my an showed -  
Now go at this at once - my dear friend -  
or we suffer (perhaps) If you have the notes  
of Malian & Claason send me copies of them  
showing that the gifts were - what any man  
might make - as they were not offered to induce  
wrong or illegal acts - or fraud - but free - not  
hiring us to do our duty - which should be  
done - without - any - bargaining - Neither of these  
gentlemen can say or show - that they  
bribed me a dollar - as a bribe or exaction  
or that they promised to do so - I say no -  
now to you either - I need know - It will  
all come out right - altho Taylor & Co<sup>d</sup> hope to  
crush us - both - I am in N York - now - to get  
Cork - I hope to see this off - and may a best God  
watch over you - & yours - for ever -

Your friend

W. G.