

No. 11. Mass. S.

To the Hon^{ble} William L. Marcy
Secretary of War - United States of America -
Sir -

Please to pay, to Mr. John
P. Lord of New York - four hundred dollars
out of any monies - you may have in your
hands - belonging to me -
Tambrico.

December 1848.

W. Chase - D^r Sir

New York Nov 15th -

I have been greatly distressed of late
by that wretch Taylor - who has made vile
complaints ag^t you and me - and as the
Sec^y of War has obliged me - to turn over to
him the voluntary Gifts - present^d by my
friends, in Tambrico: contrary to the intent and
desire of the donors - charging me - as doing
wrong in receiving them - which I manfully
disputed - I submit the matter to my friends
whether they will not in justice to me - and
their own consciences - send me an order
as above - if they will - I shall instantly be
exonerated from the charge - and the Gifts
restored, through my friends - It was the free
gift of each gentleman - and I am sure
they

They - will not see me suffer - myself - for accepting
what they - had a right to offer or refuse at
will - The same is asked of all the gentlemen
is - M^{rs} Labarum & LaSalle - on Order to my

Agent. John P. Lord New York -	\$ 500 -
Gen. W. Morey - Mr. Jolly also.	\$ 500 -
M ^r . Malians & Maspole & Co.	400 -
M ^r . Claassen & Gibbs & Co.	750 -

Each of them giving - the Order
as a restoration of the Gift - which
has been - taken from me - by Superior author-
-ity - who declares I am not at liberty to
receive such Presents - To this I adhere
steadily - Those persons were private gentlemen
not - "Kings, Princes, or potentates" ^{"personages"} ~~but~~ the con-
-stitution - refers to - which does not apply to me
in this case - The Hon^{ble} Sec^y thinks I have violated
the Constitution - I do not - This matter has made
much talk and will yet make a noise -
Mr. Holmes of S. C. Member of Congress - say^s: You
have an unquestionable right - if the Gift
was - purely private - not an exaction or demand
I do not know - that any man in Tambois ever
offend me - a Fee - as an inducement - to do an
injustice - or violate law - Taylor say^s: that we
would not enter the America - before we were
paid a large sumⁿ - "Vile - liar", I told W. Mospole
that you were worn out - the Clerk you stick
and perhaps he would have to pay a little
"extra"

if Mr Chase. has to get other Clerks - then Collier
Charles learned - to offer his services" I remember
this well - not one word as to any named
sum of money - was said by me, or any one
that I know - Now the Present was an
offerings for extraordinary - Kindness - done
to Mr Masprote. under the circumstances of
the case. the Office - about to be close for ever
~~on~~ the part of the States - the troops. ordered
to Embark - and You were out. & sick -

You acts - saved Mr M. a large sum
which he would have had to pay in the
Mexican Custom - Could not Mr. any one
have gone, to that Office if he chose - certainly
Oh, the vile Peter B. - He is the only complain
ant - not either of our friends - named here
The Rev. Dr. was a little - doubtful about
handing me the letters of complaint as they
were hearsay - evidence - but as his mind
was - attained - he handed them to me - to read
and "get mad" - I remarked in writing
Mr Peter B. said twice he had - been obliged
to sign his name - "complimenting me" - was
sorry for it - as a President of the Council
and once - a "Memorial" - Merinoes - Devil!!
What will You - think - when You are warned
to refuse the Months Pay \$1000. "an item that"
"Excites notice" say. No Mercy - He considered the
Mexican Fraud as his own - so. by 5 pleads
weat

by the board. Congress will give you something
he say? - So say? Mr. Polk - perhaps - so - Now
Mr. M. ordered me to fix pay to all under me
but he will make every military man pay up
Here is a task for him - Next month. Turnover
\$500 - by \$500 - will get either - both you
went to Europe - He gave me key salary as you
because he - has nothing to do with it - justly
I am - now - of opinion Mr. M. will send for
proof? - if any that administration - to Claiborn
& Maliano - they did not say let get them before
he began the war - then gentlemen would not
furnish lies - nor - a long statement. I suppose
I have written - twice to you - as I think it is
difficult to get letters to you - now - I hope
you will - protect us both in this matter
I have no objection in him - in a good cause
at any time - I am sure - you are - to ask for
a letter note written by me to Mospoke -
about - I dare I dare - and send it to you
it is of no use to Maliano - but - keep to me
look - well to this - my dear friend - I do not
mention your name - but with respect and
friendship - and as to what you did - and
said to Mr. Claiborn & Mospoke I know not
that is your affair - I only know you have
been - fair and true - to me & the states -
So Heaven prosper you - now & ever

Peter B. will be at work
again soon - no doubt -

M. G.