

New York June 11. 1855

(Private)

Dear Sir,

You will have noticed that all the newspapers here indulged in the idea that the reports of war have been withdrawn I wish them to believe so - On Saturday I requested Capt Brauman to order one of the reports up from below - station here in the East River but not so near as he thought to the United States - The object of this direction is to be in such a situation that if the United States should attempt to move with a number of papers they to seize her

I had on Saturday an interview with Graham the owner of the United States, together with his Counsel Mr Deering the partner of O'Henry - Graham professes to be perfectly ignorant of the objects of Kenney but says he does not wish to lose \$10,000 as he will if he be sent

permitted to claim his refusal & put
himself in a situation to demand his
money of his charterers. It is evident
that he has got into difficulty & intended to
get someone to pay him for his
trouble - He says that Kenney has gone
that Jackson told him the amount the
estate was cleared & ready for use. He
would pay \$20,000 - Thus I doubt although
Graham says that Kenney & Jackson both
have paid their Hotel Bills & evidently have
money - I postponed any further interview
with Graham until to day for the purpose
of settling of committing writing on the
subject. ~~He~~ He wants to get his money either
from the U.S. or the Nicaragua Fund
Company - Nicaragua. It matters, and
from whom - My object is delay to learn
what movement K & F will make under the
idea our blockade is withdrawn.

On Saturday I had an interview
with Capt Ketchum who was to take command of

the United States. I stated to him that probably
difficulties he would encounter and the
result was he gave up his command &
he states to me to day -

I have not seen Graham to day. His
Ernest sent me a note to know if I had
seen letters - I will send that I had not.

No application was made to day at
the Custom House for a clearance - Will you
look at ~~the~~ 3 Washington C. C. No. 387. and
1 Peter Port 406 in reference to this question
of clearance. Are the facts as we know
them in K & Johnson case connected with
the agreement with K & J. & Mitchell
& Graham for the use of the steamer
U. States sufficient under the rule laid
down on page 395 of Washington Reports
to justify the collector in refusing a
clearance - Let me hear from you on this

I saw in the papers of yesterday
that Kenney was seen on board of a rebel
vessel this past Wednesday - I have sent
to Ottawa to learn from the editor of the
paper who gives the information who saw
Kenney -

I telegraphed to you that the *Magnolia* was
sailed with our ~~commander~~ ^{commander} St Andrews
Bay by the Revenue cutter. I had a noble
will to telegraph back for the Revenue
cutter to follow up the *Amelia*, which
cruiser is standing off from St Andrews Bay.
The collector at Apolachicola, can give
probably some information of her movements.
I saw your telegraph in London
about 5 PM.

Yours truly
Franklin

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C. Leaning

Private
New York, June 11th 1857.
Dear Mr. Kern
To, Mr.
Hon. E. Leaning
Washington, in
the Mining Expedition