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New York Aug 25th 1856

Col John Allen
Louisville Ky

Dear Sir

Your favor of 10th ^{duly} ~~day~~ to hand and I have been in daily expectation of hearing further from you by Telegraph or Mail.

I was informed by Mr. Morgan that you had written to him. I am the only one who should be kept advised as there are other gentlemen in different parts of the Country who are employed in the same way that you are and I have to form my calculations for transportation upon the combined reports which I receive from all. My powers are such that I can have transportation whenever I desire it, provided I can give sufficient notice. Besides then to prevent confusion it will not do for any body of men to leave for this city till I advise them so to do.

It is now so late and I have been so disappointed in getting satisfactory advices from every quarter that I am doubtful about being able to send a Steamer on the 9th prox^a--If there is any certainty of getting emigrants enough I will cause one to be sent. Will you please telegraph me on the receipt of this how many you can positively procure and have in New York by the morning of the 9th--and I will telegraph you immediately upon the receipt of it whether to come on or not--I wish if possible to send a large Co^o of Emigrants on the 9th--If we cannot get enough the next Steamer will go whether or not, on the 24th--

I think you might make a judicious use of the suggestion which you make in your letter. If we can get Emigrants enough in the country something of that kind can be done this winter. I sent you a letter by Capt Green--did you receive it?--

Awaiting your telegraph I am
Very truly
Appleton Oaksmith

Alex C. Lawrence Esq will be appointed general Emigrant Agent of Nicaragua in the United States; as ^{far} from the fact of my being Minister it will not do for one to appear openly in these matters. As soon as all arrangements are made you ^{will} be duly informed and I will let you ^{know} association with Mr. L. Still as for ^{the} ^{association} are concerned I will always write ^{you} as I have perfect confidence ⁱⁿ and friendship--I shall be ^{glad} that things go right ^{and}

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Mr John Allen

Scarsville N.Y

Dear Sir

I have been in the way of expecting to hear from you by the paper or otherwise. I was informed by Mr. Morgan that you had written to him. I am the only one who should be kept advised as there are other gentlemen in different parts of the country who are depending in the same way. I have to form my calculations for the future upon the combined reports which I receive from all. My powers are such that I can have the fault in charge of it, provided I receive sufficient notice. To prevent confusion it will not do for me to be absent from this city till I advise them.

It is now so late and I have been so disappointed in getting satisfactory advice from you that I am doubtful about being able to send a letter on the 1st prox. - If there is any certainty of getting communication I will cause one to be sent. Will you please telegraph me on the receipt of this how many you can possibly procure as I have ordered them the morning of the 9th - and I will telegraph you immediately upon the receipt of it.

