

Mobile July 6<sup>th</sup> 1853

Genl John A. Quitman  
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Dear Sir,

Your esteemed favor of  
of <sup>the</sup> ulto duly to hand. I am thankful to you for  
the sympathy which you express in regard to the  
difficulties which surround me, and am deeply sensible  
of the force of your observations regarding your own  
position. We will leave these things to Time which, sooner  
or later, does justice to all.

It would be hardly becoming or expedient for  
me at the present moment to express any views upon  
the subject which engages so much of your attention,  
but, as a son of the First Republic of the World, I am  
free to declare that I hold political liberty to be  
the inalienable right of all men who are capable of  
self government and that it is the "Manifold Destiny"  
of this Continent to extend this privilege to every  
nation or people who dwell within her limits or borders  
upon her shores: and should an opportunity ever present  
for me, in my humble sphere, to prove my  
attachment to these principles I trust that I should  
not be found wanting.

The purpose of the present however was not to discuss political problems, and I will not trespass upon your time.

If you should receive advices, which I understand have been forwarded to you, from a certain executive committee with whom you have been long acquainted, to dispose of a certain balance in your hands and forward the proceeds to a resident of this city, Mr. J. H. - I trust you will not do so until further instructions.

I do not wish to deal with third parties or enlarge my circle of confidants in certain affairs and if the money is to come here at all, it should come directly to me. The balance I believe is in some way connected with Armstrong & Harris Co. You will understand the matter without any being more explicit and will know what course to pursue.

I need the money and should like to hear from you upon the subject.

I think perhaps we may meet before I go North, and with assurances of my esteem

I am respectfully

and fraternally yours  
A. D. Smith

My case has been postponed for a short time by the Government.