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ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA,

JUNE, 7, 1886.

HON. A. G. CURTIS,

DEAR SIR,

THOUGH YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER ME, YOU DO MY FATHER, COL. G. P. MC LEAN. YOU WILL REMEMBER THE VERY ACTIVE PART HE TOOK IN YOUR CAMPAIGN FOR THE GUBERNATORIAL CHAIR. YOU WILL CALL TO MIND THE ORGANIZATION, BY HIM, OF THE CURTIN GUARDS, NUMBERING 1500 STRONG. I REMEMBER WELL THE CAMPAIGN & HOW FATHER GAVE TIME & MONEY FREELY IN YOUR INTEREST. YOU WILL NOT THEN WONDER WHY I, AT THIS TIME, SHOULD WRITE YOU. FATHER WILL NEVER SPEAK IN HIS OWN INTEREST & I THEREFORE WRITE A LINE IN HIS BEHALF. AFTER READING HIS LETTER I COULD THINK OF NO ONE WHO COULD SO READILY HELP HIM AS YOURSELF. THE WAREHOUSE AT WHICH HE WAS STOREKEEPER WENT OUT OF BOND. MR. SEESE, A STOREKEEPER AT ANOTHER HOUSE WAS DISCHARGED & FATHER ORDERED TO TAKE HIS PLACE. MR. SEESE CALLED UPON FATHER & SAID HE KNEW NOT HOW TO SUPPORT HIS FAMILY IF HE WAS DEPRIVED OF HIS SITUATION. THIS WAS ENOUGH FOR FATHER'S VERY SYMPATHETIC NATURE. THE NEXT DAY, THOUGH HE ALSO NEEDED THE SITUATION HIMSELF, FATHER WENT TO THE COLLECTOR & HAD HIM REVOKE HIS ORDER DISCHARGING SEESE & FATHER WAS LEFT UNASSIGNED. THE COLLECTOR SAID HE WISHED HE HAD A WAREHOUSE FOR FATHER, AS HE WAS ENTITLED TO CONSIDERATION. UNDER COLLECTOR HARTRANFT TWO OR MORE WERE TRANSFERRED TO INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT, WHEN THEIR HOUSES WENT OUT OF BOND.

I AM SATISFIED THE COLLECTOR WOULD DO THIS FOR FATHER IF YOU WOULD USE YOUR INFLUENCE IN HIS BEHALF. WILL YOU NOT BE KIND ENOUGH SO TO DO? *Please ask for him the position of inspector.*

I FEEL THAT WHILE SOME ARE RETAINED, WHO WERE PLACED THERE UNDER THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION, FATHER SHOULD BE RETAINED. HE DID HIS PART TO SAVE OUR GOVERNMENT, AS YOU KNOW, SACRIFICING TWO STORES WHEN THE WAR BROKE OUT. SERVED AS MAJOR & COL. OF THREE DIFFERENT REGIMENTS. HE FURNISHED THE GOVERNMENT WITH OVER 4,000 MEN.

IT IS NEEDLESS FOR ME TO SAY MORE FOR YOU KNOW HIS WORK & WORTH.

I TRUST THAT YOU WILL USE ALL THE INFLUENCE, IN HIS BEHALF, YOU CAN. HE WILL BE GRATEFUL TO YOU & SO WILL I. I WILL TELL HIM THAT I HAVE MADE THIS REQUEST OF YOU.

I WAS OBLIGED TO GIVE UP MY CHURCH IN PHILA. ON ACCOUNT OF ILL-HEALTH & AM NOW PASTOR OF THE M. E. CHURCH OF THIS CITY.

PLEASE FAVOR ME WITH A REPLY.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

G. P. McLean

W. D. Foster
Col. G. P. McLean
St. Augustine, Fla.
June 7, 1886
Received of
Mr. A. G. Curtis
St. Augustine, Fla.
June 7, 1886

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA,
JUNE 7, 1888.

HON. A. S. CORTLIS,

DEAR SIR,

THOUGH YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER ME, YOU DO BY
 FATHER, BUT I WILL REMEMBER THE VERY ACTIVE PART
 HE TOOK IN YOUR CAMPAIGN FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHAIN. YOU WILL
 CALL TO MIND THE ORGANIZATION, BY WHICH THE DUSTY GUARDS NUMBER
 TWO 1000 STAMPS. I REMEMBER WELL THE CAMPAIGN & HOW FATHER GAVE
 TIME & MONEY FREELY IN YOUR INTEREST. YOU WILL NOT FORGET
 WHY, AT THIS TIME, I SHOULD WRITE YOU. FATHER WILL NEVER SPEAK IN
 HIS OWN INTEREST & I THEREFORE WRITE A LINE IN HIS BEHALF. AFTER
 READING HIS LETTER I COULD THINK OF NO ONE WHO COULD SO READILY
 HELP HIM AS YOURSELF. THE WARRANTS AT WHICH HE WAS STOPPED
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 DISCHARGED & FATHER ORDERED TO TAKE HIS PLACE. MR. DEESE CALLED
 UPON FATHER & SAID HE KNEW HOW TO SUPPORT HIS FAMILY IF HE
 WAS DEPRIVED OF HIS SITUATION. THIS WAS ENOUGH FOR FATHER VERY
 SYMPATHETIC NATURE. THE NEXT DAY, THOUGH HE ALSO NEEDED THE SIT-
 UATION HIMSELF, FATHER WENT TO THE COLLECTOR & HAD HIM REMOVE HIS
 ORDER DISCHARGING DEESE & FATHER WAS LEFT UNHAPPY. THE COLLECTOR
 SAID HE WISHED HE HAD A WARRANT FOR FATHER, AS HE WAS ENTITLED
 TO ONE. UNDER ANOTHER WARRANT TWO OR MORE WENT OUT BY BOND
 REFERRED TO THE PROPERTY OF FATHER, WHEN THEIR NAMES WENT OUT BY BOND
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 USE YOUR INFLUENCE IN HIS BEHALF. WILL YOU NOT BE KIND ENOUGH TO
 TO GET *Please call for him the position of collector*
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 WHEN THE WAR BROKE OUT. SERVED AS MAJOR & COL. OTHERS DIFFERENT
 REGIMENTS. HE FURNISHED THE GOVERNMENT WITH OVER \$5000 WORTH.
 IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ME TO SAY MORE FOR YOU KNOW HIS WORK & WORTH.
 I TRUST THAT YOU WILL DOE ALL THE INFLUENCE IN HIS BEHALF, YOU
 CAN. HE WILL BE GRATEFUL TO YOU & SO WILL I. I WILL TELL HIM THAT
 I HAVE MADE THIS REQUEST OF YOU.
 I WAS OBLIGED TO GIVE UP MY CHURCH IN PHILA. ON ACCOUNT OF THE
 HEALTH & AN OLD PASTOR OF THE M.E. CHURCH OF THIS CITY.
 PLEASE FAVOR ME WITH A REPLY.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

W. H. Johnston

*W. H. Bean
J. P.*

A. G. Furtak

Philadelphia

Collector of Post

Stamps & matter

referred to

suffered and

Very respect fully