

# George Fearing Hollis Papers

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"Among the many departures yesterday was that of Capt. Geo. F. Hollis, United States Consul.

During his residence at the Cape Capt. Hollis has done much in the way of introducing American enterprises into South Africa, and several recently-established Cape industries owe to some extent the progress they have made to his endeavours. Capt. Hollis' previous career has been an interesting one. He was present at the celebration of the treaty of peace which took place at Constantinople on the occasion of the Crimean Campaign, an occasion at which our Governor, Sir Henry Loch was also present. Going to Crete a few days later, he arrived in season to take part in a like ceremony at that place.

Cape Times, April 13, 1893.

Capt. Hollis' services during the Civil War consisted of blockade work Eastern shore of Virginia; with the Burnside expedition at Roanoke Is., North River and Little Washington in the "Louisiana"; in the West Indian Squadron after the "Abraham", and with Farragut at Mobile in the "Octorara"; in blockade duty below Savannah in the "Fernandina".

# Memo.

Appointed by Pres. Cleveland May, 1888 on personal application by the late James Russell Lowe to Mr. Boyard. Recommendations to State Dept. by several admirals under whom I served during the war, and by Ex-govs Clufflin, Rice, Long, Robinson, Banks, Ames; Senators Hoar and Lodge; Messrs. A. A. Kanney, Peter Butler, Nahum Capen, P. Collins Editor Clement of the "Transcript" and many others.

Charges preferred against me and my resignation asked for before my reply to accusations made to Secy of State. Complete vindication, and formal retraction of charges furnished to Secy of State.

Intimate personal acquaintance with all the men of note in So. Africa. While Consul introduced into So. Africa American R.R. locomotives and steam engines and largely instrumental in bringing U.S. mining engineers into lucrative positions in Transvaal mines.

Admiral Bance said to me on his visit here that it was common report that the great improvement in Cape Town was largely due to my influence.

Think my reports on So. Africa will stand comparison with those of any consul that we have had there. Gen. F. Hallie

Consulate of the United States,  
Sellington Heights, Mass.,  
Cape Town, ..... Aug. 23, 1895.

Dear Mr. Adder;

Having returned home I am naturally anxious to learn why the invitation to resign my office was tendered me, and would be glad if you will kindly give me the facts.

I am aware that a Mr. Weine of Cape Town is an enemy of mine because I refused him the Vice-Consulship on my arrival at Cape Town and because I rebuked his brutabty at the time of poor Stimpflett's (son of the Admiral) death.

I also know that he has a jew brother-in-law in New York to whom he has been accustomed to write scandalous charges

Consulate of the United States

as is the one in question.

I may be considered egotistical in saying so, but I predict that it will be long before you have a consul so well liked in South Africa as I am or will hold the influence I did.

I had hoped to have visited Washington upon my arrival home but the state of my funds will hardly admit of my so doing; Stevens, at London, writes me conveying his kindest regards. Thanking you in anticipation I remain

Sincerely Yours,

Geo. F. Wallis,  
late U.S. Consul  
at Cape Town.

against U.S. Consuls, getting the  
 said relation to send copies to  
 Washington as coming from an  
 influential person in Cape Town.  
 If I find he has been in any way  
 concerned in this business - with  
 me I shall write to Gov. Sir Murray  
 Lock and Gen. Cameron, com-  
 mander of the British forces in  
 S. Africa a statement, as both of  
 these gentlemen are very friendly  
 to me. I was informed sometime  
 ago by a member of the Colonial  
 Parliament who had been to Wash-  
 ington that this mischief was  
 brewing.

Though I respect a decent Jew  
 I do not propose to be "dunned"  
 by me that is essentially despised  
 and hated - though feared, as