Van Ness, William W. - Handwritten correspondence from United States Consular agent in Johannesburg expressing thanks to Hollis for his work and regret at his departure

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United States Consular Agency.

WM. W. VAN NESS,
Consular Agent.

Johannesburg, July 1st 1893
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Captn. Geo. H. Neele,
U. S. Consul,
Cape Town, Africa.

Gentlemen,

Your letter which was forwarded from Durban Natal has just been received. Enclosed find receipt in full for Consular expenses to date.

I am very sorry that you are going to leave as we will miss your very much and I am sure that it will be hard to find any one who will look after the interest of our citizens better than you have done especially on a miserable little pittance of £300 a year where expenses are as heavy as they are in South Africa.
I assure you that we are sincerely thank you and appreciate the immense amount of good that you have accomplished for our American citizens by founding schools, charitable institutions, and by pushing the commercial interests of the U.S. in South Africa, which has resulted in the immense trade which now exists between the two countries, and has motivated the introduction of the new steam ship line which is now running between the United States and South Africa.

Capt. Crooks, Mr. Gay, Mr. Marion and all whom I have told of your intention to have us join me in sending kindred regards and wishing you a happy and pleasant voyage.

Your very sincere friend,

[Signature]

Dr. S. Consul, H.A.T.

P.S. Kindly send me one of your photos to hang in the office.

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