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United States Consular Agency.

WM. W. VAN NESS,
CONSULAR AGENT.

Johannesburg, S.A.R. July 12th 1893

Capt. Geo. F. Hollis

U. S. Consul

Cape Town Africa

Dear Sir

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

I am very sorry that you are going to leave as we will miss you 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 when expenses are as heavy as they are in South Africa

I assure you that we all sincerely thank you and appreciate the immense amount of good that you have accomplished for our american citizens by founding schools charatible institutions & 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 & has necessitated the introduction of the new Steam Ship line which is now running between the United States and South Africa.

Captn Groff. Mr Grey Mr Marion and all whom I have told of your intention to have us join me in sending kindest regards and wishing you a happy & pleasant voyage.

Your Very Sincere Friend

Wm H. Fay Jess. Jr.

U. S. Consular Agt

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

WHFJ.