Havre, Dec. 8th 1897.

My dear Judge:

A few days after your arrivae at Bordeaux I had discounted for you a draft for $163.01 being amount due you by the Government for 20 days salary while in transit. At the rate of .193 cents to the franc this amount was eqrae to Frs. 844.76 which I gave you myself before getting the draft discounted. If I remember right Mr. Andrews (of the firm of Godillot & Co) discounted the draft at about 5.14 to the dollar and told me that as soon as it was collected

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he would remit me the balance, which would be between 6 or 7 francs.

Will you be good enough to have Voisin remind him of this some morning when he comes with an invoice, so that he may remit me the sum in postage stamps. The amount is a trifling one, to be sure, but as it is due me I do not think it out of place to mention it.

Trusting that you are enjoying better health than I myself am at the present moment I remain,

Very truly yours
John Preston Beecher.

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