Bordeaux, France.

Dear Sir:

In case you have no one in view to fill the post of Vice Consul at Bordeaux, which position I have for a long time occupied, I write to say that I should be pleased to continue in office, provided it suits you to retain me.

I have been attached to the Consulate here since the early part of President Harrison's administration, that is to say for over seven years, and, during that period, have performed all the routine work, the clerical and the official duties, which I may add are not only arduous, but extremely difficult

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and complicated.

As regards my character, ability and thorough familiarity with the rules and regulations of the Consular service I can refer you to:

The Hon. Assistant Secretary of State, Washington.

Mr. Robert S. Chilton Jr, Chief of the Consular Bureau, Washington.

Mr. Walter E. Faison, Solicitor of the Department of State, Washington.

Mr. Thomas Morrison of the State Department Bureau of Accounts at Washington.

Mr. Horace G. Knowles, Consul at Bordeaux under President Harrison; now residing at 837 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware

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Mr. John Mc Clure Wiley, the present Consul at Bordeaux, France.

Mr. Samuel E. Morss, U. S. Consul General at Paris, France.

Mr. E. S. Mc Dear, U. S. Vice Consul General at Paris, France

Mr. Henry Vignaud, Secretary of the U. S. Embassy at Paris, France

Mr. John S. Beecher (my father) 38 West 35 St. or 69 Fulton Street, New York City, and many other people whose names will be given you by the latter.

Desiring to remain in the Consular service, either here or elsewhere, I should deem it a favour if you would advise me regarding your plans as early as possible. In the event of

my not remaining here I shall then, through your courtesy, have time to apply for another post.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness I have the honor, Sir, to be

Your obedient servant

John Preston Beecher.

U. S. Vice Consul at

Bordeaux, France.

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