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Description: Letter to Horatio Jose from George Shepley

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I hear that Cyrus T. Clark has
promised to pay \$30,000.00 for the
Little House & lot and paid \$5000
down - Real estate must be pretty
well up in Portland, I should like
to sell some Richardson Wharf Stock
if it would sell at corresponding
rates - I think the Ken & Port
R. Road operation will turn out
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well managed, I don't see why
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we had the troops. But if we
had the promised reinforcements
we could put them to a much
better use than to send them
to Mobile at present. If we had
fifteen or twenty thousand more
troops we could open the Mississippi
lake Port Hudson & Vicksburg. subdue
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