



Portland June 8<sup>th</sup> 1862

To His Excellency

G. F. Shepley

Governor of Louisiana

My Dear Friend

According  
to the last despatches from Washington  
I must address you as above. I  
have with your numerous friends here  
watched your progress since you left "Ship  
Island" with much interest. We heard of  
you at first with your brigade for New  
Orleans next as Military Commandant  
of that city afterwards as Mayor  
and now as Military Governor of Louisiana  
If electing you Governor of Maine would  
bring you home I should go in for  
that, And I think it could be done  
easily now considering who the  
Republican nominee is - Viz - Abner Coburn  
of Skowhegan — the Democratic party  
have not had their convention yet.  
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tioned yet. There has been much

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Description: Horatio Jose wrote to G. F. Shepley that he was sure Shepley could be elected governor of Maine if he so chose and speculated as to what post Neal Dow would be given.

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Your pecuniary interests are well looked after, The Public House has done a very fair business this spring - Adams will I think be able to meet a portion of his rent this summer,

I have about concluded an arrangement with Brown & others to take an interest in the Kerosene <sup>oil</sup> works - They have made me very liberal offers to take charge of the financial part of the business, remember me to all my friends will write you again soon - hoping to hear from you I remain

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