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Portland Aug 12, 1862

My dear George

You will recollect when you were here that you said if I would write down what I wanted you would see what you could do when you got back to New Orleans. I would like some of each of the following stamps viz;

5. cent Nashville
5. cent Memphis pink
5. cent Baton Rouge (J. McCormick) pink & green
2. cent New Orleans (J.L. Riddell) blue

I have the New Orleans 5 cent and the Mobile 5 cent. I am informed that the Postmasters of many if not all of the Southern cities issued stamps to suit themselves until a general design was fixed upon. Perhaps Mr Riddell could and would assist me in procuring the stamps. I wrote to the present Postmaster of New Orleans and enclosed some federal stamps to pay for the Confederate, but have not heard from him.

The reason why I did not see you again before you left here was because I had to go to New York for the body of my nephew Robert Allen who was shot at Mechanicsville June 27. and died at New York July 27. he was first Lieut U.S. Cavalry

Your family are all well.

Yours truly W^m P. Preble

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Description: William P. Preble wrote to Col. George F. Shepley asking him to secure stamps for him from Nashville, Memphis, Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

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