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Description: George F. Shepley wrote to Edwin M. Stanton about \$800,000 that Gen. Benjamin Butler had seized from the Consul of the Netherlands.

State of Louisiana,

[State seal] Executive Department.

New-Orleans, September 19th 1862

Sir--

I have the honor to acknowl--edge the receipt of your communication of September 2nd enclosing copies of several communications addressed by the Department of State to the diplomatic representitives of Great Brittiain France and the Netherlands growing out of the relations between the Military authorities and the Consuls of those countries at New Orleans. I have advised attd Mr Couturie, the Consul of the Netherlands, that the eight hundred thousand dollars in coin taken from his possession by General Butler, would be restored, to him or to the Agent of Messrs Hope & Co or to the Citizens Bank of Louisiana whichever of them he might designate. Copy of my letter to Mr Couturie is herewith transmitted.

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to write Mr Coutrie to resume his consular functions and also that I should be directed to cause to be restored the eight hundred thousand dollars seized by General Butler I have taken the liberty to act upon these communications without awaiting any more specific instructions from you or from the Department of State on the subject.

I shall endeavor in my in my intercourse with the foreign consuls in New Orleans as far as possible to avoid any causes of irritation tending to embarrass the Government, in its relations with foreign Powers.

With great respect
I have the honor to be
Your obeident servent
G.F. Shepley
Military Governor
of Louisiana

Hon. E. W. Stanton. Secretary of War.