

Office of ISAIAH T. WILLIAMS,
79 Nassau Street,

New-York, Nov. 20 1863

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Description: Isaiah T. Williams wrote to George F. Shepley expressing his regret that he had not seen Shepley in New York or Maine on the general's recent visit there.

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