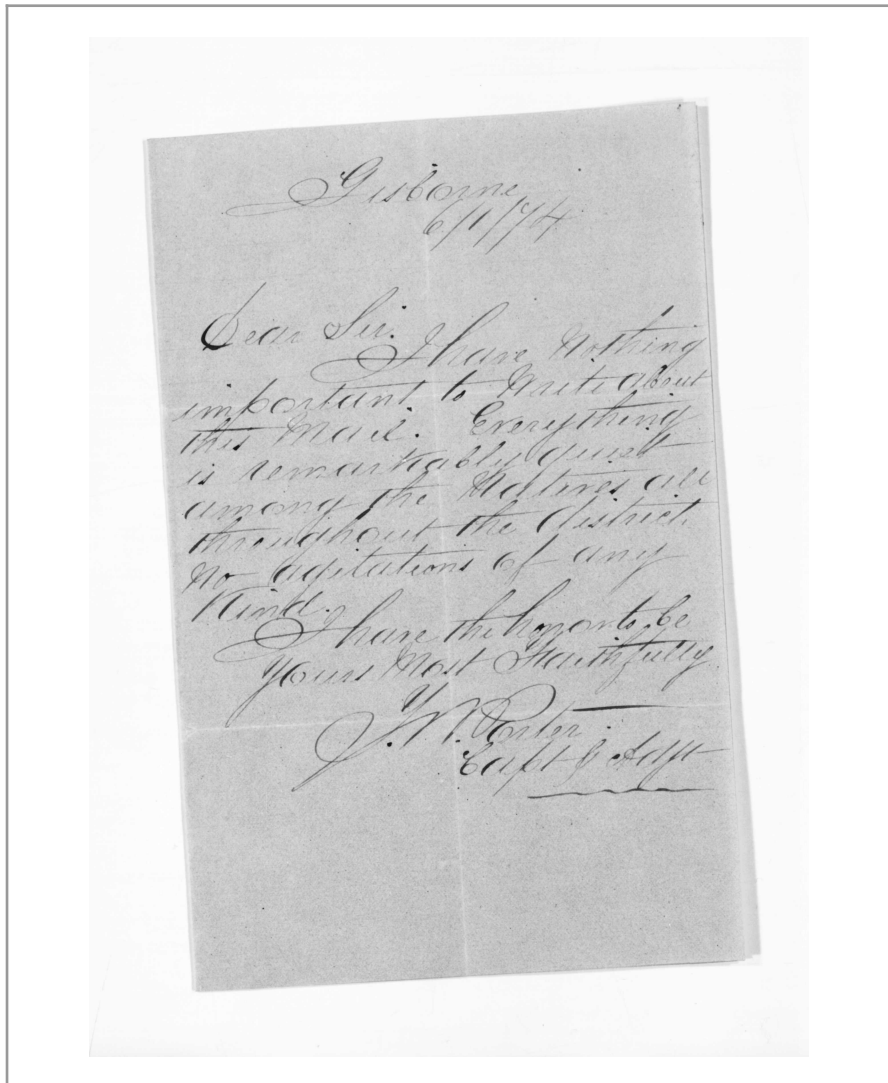


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Sir,—I shall feel obliged if you can give me the following information :  
—Is it a fact that Capt. and Adjutant Porter received a present from the Government of £100 for presumed services rendered by him in settlement of the Patutahi Block ? If such should be the case it would appear strange, as I am reliably informed that this matter is not yet settled, and, moreover, if the gallant gentleman has rendered any assistance surely it can only be his duty to do so, seeing that he enjoys the benefits of a large salary for which he performs a very small amount of duty, which duty is performed with a large amount of pomposity.---I am, &c.,

BRUTUS.

[We know nothing whatever about the circumstances referred to, so that we cannot give our correspondent the information he asks for. We can't say that we admire the taste displayed in the concluding remarks in his letter.--Ed. P.B.H.]