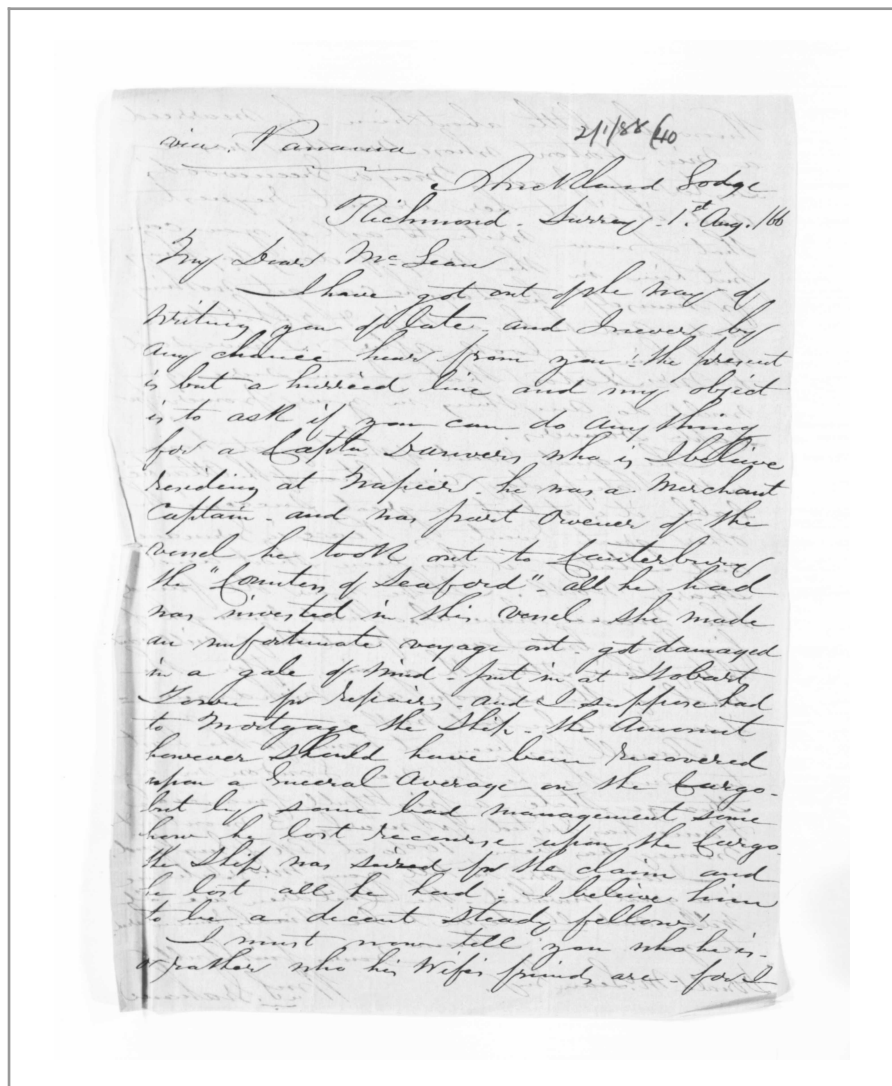


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know but little about him - he married
 a Miss Norton whose brother was a
 sister of poor Major Greenwood,
 and it is at her urgent request
 that I now write to ask if you can
 put him in the way of doing any thing
 for himself - he says he can get nothing
 to do - and he has a Wife & 2 children
 wish him to look after - I have said
 to Mrs Norton that I am sure you
 would do any thing in your power for
 latter services.

The great event of the day at home
 is the satisfactory completion of the Atlantic
 cable - it is at last a great success - the
 other great event is Peace in Germany
 and Italy - it has been short and
 sharp war. I hope your old friends
 the Mexicans have also had enough of
 fighting, but I am afraid they will want
 to try their strength again after the
 whole of the Troops are withdrawn -
 if so - it will be bad war.

Russell has been at home for the last
 two months - he has seen London in a
 strange state - a frightful financial
 Panic has lasted for nearly 3 months &
 money has been 100% at 10% of England.

I am sorry to tell you Mrs Graham
 is a great invalid - the children are all
 well - and all desire to be kindly remembered
 to you. I am Yours faithfully
 Donald McLean Esq. Wm. Smellie Grahame