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to keep the currency as yours, do what I
can to get it off & hold it subject
to your order. Our public finances
are still in a depopulated & deranged
state, & none can tell when they will get
straight. Recently I have been very ur-
gently requested to accept the office of
Secretary of the Treasury. Some of our
people are inclined to overrate my abilities
& fitness for the office. I have not yet con-
sented; and if I do consent, it must be
understood that it shall not interfere
with my duties as the Agent of the Society.
If I do consent, the reason will be
to try & help to get our money matters
in some shape & form and to as-
certain the actual indebtedness of
the Country & adopt some means
of relief. It is discreditably to
us as a nation not to be able to
manage our finances satisfactory
to our own selves. If you should con-
clude not to accept the draft for
the currency, please send me your

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

16. January 1868—November 1871
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