Ship Mc C. Stevens
New York, Mon. July 23d 1860

To Mr Secretary S. W. Benson.

My dear Sir. Most unfortunately I have been prevented writing you till within a half hour of the closing of the Mail for Liverpool, therefore have barely time to greet you & congratulate you for I have heard somehow in my dreaming thoughts that you holds over chosen — — — Amen —

I have a thousand things that I would like to say, but must confine this page to one thing, & that is about that home — depend at my request & through your kind consideration till Sept. 1st 1862 — When we are at home, where poor Fred & Jenny get some time if it goes into effect, & also if it affords this Ship, if she may yet have again, my Charitable Ship & large shipped by this or any other Col. Ship.

This you see is important for us to have a home & not a word can I say of our importance a new constituent in charge —

I would like to speak myself an hour or two as I intended but must yield the floor — Remember me kindly to Brother Gerrit & that good sound Rock Warner in particular —

Truly & ever yours
J. Mercer Wilson