Newport July 27th 1861.

To Capt. Geo. B. Keeler
Master of Ship Wm. C. Stevens

Sir As Agent of the Owners of the Ship under your care & charge, it becomes my duty to give you a letter of instructions in regard to the voyage for which the Ship is now under charter - and in the exercise of this duty I shall, if necessary, be very brief as I have little acquaintance with voyages like the present. & the multiplied words would rather serve to confound the reader clear your duty. I shall therefore rely chiefly upon a general letter, leaving it to your experience & good judgement to carry out the details of the voyage -

In the first place, be careful to fulfill, on your part, the provisions of the charter party -

Secondly. Bear in mind that under any circumstances, you must, if possible, avoid being frozen up in the Black Sea. Therefore all despatch to be used both in loading & discharging -

On arriving at the Dardanelles, if the winds are adverse employ a steam tug at the lowest possible rate. The same at the Bosphorus - On arriving at Kertch, get ready your cargo as soon as possible, employing as many labourers as can work to advantage, & even a few more if it will shorten the time of discharge -

You will note, that one of your bills of lading

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