Possibly there may be difficulties in the way of which I am not aware, but still I hope not. I am fully aware of the constant demands upon the time & attention of an officer in his position would not presume, were the matter of a personal or private nature, to propose it to you — but the urgency of the case and the nature of the object in view, must be my apology.

In case the objections to the application appear greater to you than to myself, or there are objections of which I am not aware. I beg you will feel no hesitation in declining to act in the matter. I can conceive that under certain circumstances, the complying with my request might cause some trouble & expense I can readily imagine that it could be accomplished by a simple order to a Purser or Quartermaster to have a few Barrells packed & marked, & sent by the regular semi-monthly supply steamer to the Port of New York, where it might be most convenient.

I feel sure from the tenor of our former intercourse and the readiness I have ever met in your house to oblige, that you will excuse this request.—

Very Respectfully & truly Yours

James Mills
Brig. Genl. & Col. Comdg.
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