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27th July 1849.

Alex^r McDonald Esqr
Huntsville

Dear Sir,

Referring to my foregoing letter of 22 inst, I have, at this moment received the following words from Mr De Cordova, which will convince you, that there is little hope of recovering the money from the Gov^t, unless you pay yourself the strictest personal attention for the recovery & collection of the same.

" Mr. D. Dear Sir,

I ~~should much regret~~ herewith enclose you the Duplicate Certificate of George W Hockley to Alex^r McDonald. Alex^r McDonald's deed to you and your power of Attorney to me as this claim can not be audited without the Original Bill of Goods are filed together with a proper receipt from the receiving officer

Yours Truly

Sign. J. De Cordova "

You will perceive the necessity ~~to come here~~ ~~immediately~~, and have a conversation with Col Hockley on the subject — it is a matter of too great importance, & if you will arrange it as I proposed in my foregoing letter, I should be pleased, and it would be in your interest.

I confidently expect you here within a few days.

Yours

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