New Orleans 22d Nov. 1857

Friend Shaw

I hope the Bryan Dft. will be among those to be paid, for I want the money very much for those I have,

There is a good deal of grumbling among the speculators about Gov. Bells recommendations, but I think he is right, and will be sustained by the just & fair —

I mailed on 15 Aug.t last some claims for Pilotage for the Navy, did you get them?

I have been sued for that Sch. Caroline Claim altho I never got a dollar that was collected for it —

I have made out my Tax List and will send it, as soon as you will receive it.

A Law should be passed to receive Claims, in payment for Taxes, & other Government dues,

With a hope to hear from you soon

I am Yours &c

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