been done, and in making in their own name any communications which the Department may wish to have sent to Mr. Hargous; and as they consented to do so I left with them a letter of instructions, a copy of which you will find in Doc. B. accompd.

While in Vera Cruz I intended making a suggestion to Mr. Hargous respecting a mode of supplying the prisoners with clothing; but on the two last occasions that I called on him he was engaged with people of the place and I had no opportunity of conversing. I therefore addressed to him from New Orleans a note on the subject of which Doc C. accompd. is a copy.

I left New Orleans on the 12th Inst. in the Steamer Republic, and arrived on the 16th at Galveston, whence I came hither on the 18th. I here saw your communication directing me to report to the Department in person; but owing to the almost continual rains which have prevailed since I arrived at Galveston, and to my having recently been in delicate health, I have as yet been unable to start for Washington. Gen. may however count on seeing me there shortly when I will render an account of my expenses.

I have the honour to be very respectfully yours.

Reuben M. Potter