

Department of the Gulf
Head Quarters District of Pensacola
November 12th, 1862

My Dear Sir

I am really anxious to hear from you both in regard to your health as also more particularly as to whether you received the amt I transmitted you some weeks, or rather months since.

Enclosed is an order issued some weeks since, needing confirmation by the Secretary of War or the President. I have no doubt [] all will be settled.

There are several articles I am very desirous of obtaining; as they need be bought by a judge of such articles or by some business man I shall be obliged to impose on your good nature to purchase a list of articles mentioned in the enclosed list. I have been to New Orleans but could not find them.

Hoping I may hear from you I am my dear sir
Your Ob't Servant

Oliver Matthews
Aide de Camp

Since writing the above I found some things I needed.

One saddle. I believe they are called Granisby [?] very high back and front [], with a pair of pistol holsters each to be large enough to take in my pistol, the one from you, brass tipped, well made and secure from the rain getting in. I have a splendid bridle and breast plate so all really I need is the saddle and Aied de Camp's Housings for it.

Are there any good horses for sale at reasonable prices. I must buy one, as the Government have only lent me this one until I can get one and that must be soon as they need all of their horses for the Battery. If you can hear of a good cheap horse please inform me. I cannot afford to give more than \$150 the same time I must have a horse that can go very fast on a canter or gallop. I do not care to risk my life again on a poor horse. Please send the saddle to [] Esq 61 Walker St, who will ship to me with my other goods, please send the bill & I will remit. Very respectfully

Oliver Matthews