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Dear Sir /

Your predecessors in the London Consulate have been in the habit of examining into the claims of worthy American Citizens in distress, & if found ^{to be really worthy} have headed a small subscription to which ^{& applied to} different American Merchants, as well a any who ^{as well as myself & we} have cheerfully contributed to ^{their relief} relieve their present distress & to enable them to return home. Mr. F. A. Becher of Charleston, S.C. has called upon me & I believe from his representations that he ^{is now in a most destitute condition} & ^{eminently} deserves to be relieved by his Countrymen. I, therefore, send you a Sovereign to be applied in this manner, should you think fit to adopt my suggestion. Yours very respectfully

James Buchanan

General Campbell