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House of Representatives
United States
Washington D. C. Feb 13th 1880

Hon Chester E. Jackson
My dear sir

The enclosed will explain themselves so that you will perceive that the delay is not my fault. I saw Senator Gordon yesterday and he receives the proposition quite favorably – He suggested that I draw up a bill advancing the Antigua Consulate to the $1500 grade and have it introduced and sent to his committee I will do so. and Senator Cameron of our state will introduce it.

I also saw Senator Raymond. Mc Mullen and Baldwin of the Committee and had them read Secretary Evarts letter. They seem to receive it very favorably – It will take time but I hope to see it brought about

I think you had better the remail

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ANTIGUA

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to me the copy of the Secretary's
letter as it is convenient to show
to members.

Truly Yours
Chas. G. Williams

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Department of State
Washington
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My dear Mr Williams

A careful examination was made of the business of the Consulate at Antigua in accordance with your request and as the result a note was written to the Senate Committee on Commerce, on the 19th of last month recommending that it be made a salaried Consulate, at $1800.

I enclose a copy of the note to the Senate Committee for your information and am sorry that you should have been obliged to remind me again of the matter as I was under the impression that the notice had already been sent to you.

Very truly Yours
C. H. Russel Jr.

Hon'ble
Charles E. Williams

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Washington Jan 18th 1880

To the
Honorable John B. Gordon
Chairman of the Committee
On Commerce, Senate

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that with a view to foster and develope the growing trade between the United States and the Island of Antigua in the British West Indies it is deemed advisable to place the Consulate at that port on a better footing than that which at present surrounds it. The office is now barely in receipt of five hundred dollars per annum in fee as compensation to the incumbent of it

The following reasons suggest themselves in support of the recommendation

It appears by the Official records of the Customs at Antigua that in the years 1873 and 1874. not a pound

of sugar was exported from that point to the United States while in the year 1879, to the month of November the exportations amounted to the sum of $ 312.628.10 nearly all of which was paid for sugars.

The total exports of the Island amounted to $ 1.300.000 and the exports from the United States to Antigua for the same period amounted to nearly $400.000.

Adjacent to Antigua which is the capital of the Leeward Islands and residence of the Governor are the Islands of Montserrat, Nevis, Anguilla, and Tortola, and Dominica more distant but also under the jurisdiction of the Government of Great Britian

Their products are cocoa, cotton, tobacco, timber trees and cabinet wood. and this trade is gradually turning to the United States

The means of communication to these Islands from Antigua is by mail steamer weekly, and frequently by a government steamer, in which the governor visits the different islands and in which the general public are permitted to travel at low rates. The steamers of the Bermuda and West India Lines ply regularly between New York and Antigua.

Mr Chester E. Jackson the incumbent of the office at present possesses great diligence and energy, and the notable increase in the trade adverted to, is to be attributed mainly to his efforts.

It is conceived that under these circumstances a salary should be attached to the office and I have the honor to suggest that the sum of fifteen hundred

dollars per annum be
appropriated for the purpose.
I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant

Wm. M. Evarts
Secretary of State