

No. 102. Department of State

77 Washington, February 4, 1893.

George F. Hollis, Esquire,
Consul of the United States.
Cape Town.

Sir:

I send you herewith enclosed a copy of a letter dated February 3, 1893, from Mr. M. B. Buckley with its enclosures, making serious charges against you in connection with your action in placing the mate of the "Wm. Hales" in charge of the vessel, and in neglecting to take the necessary care of the property which belonged to Captain and Mrs. Buckley.

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The matter is referred to you
for your further statement in
regard thereto.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

William F. Charter

Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure,

Letter

Copy

41 South Street,
New York, February 3, 1893

To the Secretary of State,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed you find
copy of consul letter to me
from Cape Town also letter
from Captain Gilkey who
was sent to Cape Town to
take charge of the vessel.

Now we consider that
the consul has not done
his duty. He appointed
Mate Captain where he could
communicate with owners.

Now any one reading
report from Cape Town Consul

Could

could see that it was not
consistent. By lamul's report
the jewelry and effects
of Father and Mother have
been stolen and given
away. The Consul at Cape
Town was not at his
post when the bark ar-
rived but away from
Cape Town drunk and
it was a week before
he showed up.

Now I want to know
is there not redress. Why
should he not be overhauled
and examined.

You please favor me with
reply.

Yours respectfully,

M. B. Buckley
41 South Street
N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON. December 24, 1895.

George F. Hollis, Esquire,

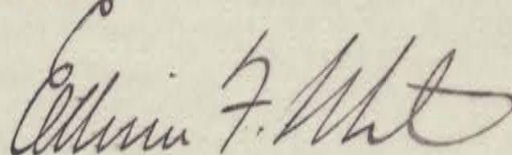
Formerly Consul of the United States, Cape Town,
West Somerville, Mass.

Sir:

Referring to correspondence with you while Consul at
Cape Town regarding a complaint made by Melville B. Buckley,
I enclose for your information a copy of a letter from Mr.
Buckley in which he says that he was misinformed and that
the charges against you were unfounded.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure:

From M.B. Buckley, December 17, 1895.

[Faint handwritten signature]

December 17, 1895.

To the

Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,-

On February 3d. 1893, I addressed you a communication about ^{Captain} George F. Hollis, making serious charges concerning his conduct as Consul at Cape Town, Africa.

I beg to state that a more thorough investigation of the circumstances and careful examination of Captain Hollis' testimony and evidence have convinced me that my said communication to you of February 3d. 1893 was hasty and unjust to Captain Hollis. I am now convinced that I was misinformed and that the charges I made against him were unfounded.

Hoping that this letter may be placed on record, and may in some measure atone for any injury done to Captain Hollis by my previous letter, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

MELVILLE B. BUCKLEY.

Boston Dec. 17, 1895.

George Fearing Hollis Papers

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**CAPE TOWN CONSULSHIP - Captain Buckley
Affair - US Department of State correspondence
regarding the Buckley affair, 1893 - 1895**



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