

taken in the case; I saw the owner
of the "Adams," who lived in Kentucky,
and he informed me as being a
very honest man. He assured me
that the shipper of the "Adams," who
by the way was a native of Maryland,
went in for a bill containing 24,000
orders, so that in any possible event
the owner of the vessel was innocent,
even if there was any law to violate.
The circumstances being proved, I
think on the strength of that I would
be inclined to give and forgive him
according to its practice which
I know recognized frequently.
Perhaps there are other firms in
the same situation, but I think there
are the ones which I have now
especially in recollection.

Am that with you and I am one
of office, I feel these affairs

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with you & might say you are also a
private citizen of the great good &
some in association from an
immediate and unconditional dis-
charge of the vessel and the funding
of the firm, and I sincerely hope
that you will not bring this about.
I wish not to be of use, unless done
from duty. It seems to me that it
is sufficient for your Government
to say, that such action is taken
without reference to any question
of law involved, and finally on
the ground that it is satisfactory to
owners of the vessel was innocent
of any unlawful act. Whatever
the law may have been,
I can't well rely on you to see
your great influence to work
out this just and useful thing
back for the common good, and as

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