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My dear Miss Cushman.

In reply to your letter about the Consulate, my husband says. Last year a law was passed in Congress requiring all Consuls whether paid or salaried to account to the Treasury Dept. This law allowed the paid Consuls to have their fees if they did not exceed the amount of \$2500 + office rent + Clerk hire.

The surplus over this if any, to be returned to the Treasury. It is probable under this law that the Treasury Dept. has called upon him for accounts. But all Consuls whether paid



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