

[Elihu Burritt, Writing, "from the Confederate Government . . .," undated fragment, page 3 only]

From the Confederate Government to Messrs ~~M~~ Slidell and Mason, at London and Paris. But, from further enquiries after [2 words undecipherable] in England, France and Belgium, as from a frequent display of confederate bank notes to persons from whom he sought this ~~conversation~~ information, [word crossed out] it was generally concluded that his only mission was ~~to~~ to add clandestinely ~~to the~~ a few thousand counterfeit notes to the paper money already ~~in~~-circulating in the Confederate States. Thus there were English sailors who had been captured in the blockade-runners, as were going home to engage in a new venture upon the sea. There were Southern men also who were going to officer or man the ships building in Great Britain for the Confederate service. A proper and usual proportion of the Irish element, male and female, old and young, was mixed in with the rest, to make up one of these motley communities that may be found on board of any of the screw steamers bound from New York to Liverpool, especially since the commencement of the great Secession Revolution in America.

[words and letters crossed out in original]