Henry Gahn to Susan Ursin Niemcewicz, August 18, 1819

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Dear Madam,

I have delayed writing you from day to day in hopes of receiving what I can now reasonably expect, a decisive answer, with or without a remittance, though the former alternative is positively promised in a private letter from a public man, dated New York, March 19th, 1819, which was kindness to me by the hand of Mr. Major Dorset, who came to see me here, and is inclosed in one of my former communications. They seem yet unwilling to accept my resignation as consul, and acknowledge that I am indebted to a compensation for more than two years past, on acting charge of my affairs, but, besides granting their belief that I could not as a citizen of the U.S. draw a regular salary (which may be attributed to Mr. W's misrepresentations), they say I would have been more prudent for me to sit...
with Mr. W... before he left this country. 

This, however, it seems they are willing and 

emphasing to make it up to me. 

With respect 

to Aranar's claimants they had not yet re- 

ceived a bill which had been refused for my ob- 

taining instead of granting my request, and 

agreed to before I had appointed an 

annual salary of $2,500. In a nine-quar- 

term of my arrangement in that office 

I do not expect that this latter condition will 

be granted, but I am not more altogether 

likely to hope of receiving the annu- 

al salary of 600. in 700. which would be 

sufficient for my immediate purposes, and 

would give me time to look around for some 

thing more permanent. All this must 

necessarily come to a close as a very few 

weeks, and may be determined in a few 

days. I regard this as an apology for my 

delaying this further, adopting only measures 

as I have in view, as can appeal as case al...
all my hopes of these remittances shat and
more probably a Mr. Wonderling, must
arise here by the first vessel from
Europe, to take charge of the funds
Diplomatic functions
Under all these unfavorable circumstances
I should still have had it in my power to
be punctual as it respects my interest
accounts with you, had I not been, I
say, plagued with the concerns of
the countryman who has been directed
to my care without any agency of
funds for what he was sent to do in
this expensive country as — yet I feel disposed to think that I am happy in
having nothing to do with what is
invented Business, especially when I think
of the fate of such great folks as, for
instance, the opposite Neighbor is my
office is bought up &c. With my best regars
for Mr. — Mr. Kean, — I am, per our
next of 1 other.
W. Eaton.