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My dear Sir

Your letter of the 15th came duly to hand.

What I want in the man I want is somebody that will be willing to do anything and who is intelligent enough to do the marketing &c. I don't want him to be much of a butter & steward, and above all things he must be devoted to me. On the whole I have concluded to bring the man I want for that purpose with me, or will rather send him down in advance. I am very glad to hear

that you have so soon found a good housekeeper.

It seems to me that a housekeeper, a cook, a man and one girl of all work, beside the gardener will be enough to start the establishment. I have forgotten whether we laid it out with one or two upstairs girls. I dont want a lot of servants about, with nothing to do. We can add to their number as majority requires.

Has Mr Farnsworth searched the house to see if there is plenty of bed linen, table ware &c &c.?

In relation to stores I will write you in a few days. I shall perhaps want you to start me off in this direction, though I have quite a notion in my head that I shall get a good many things in New York.

I shall bother you and your good wife a good deal in these matters but I dont know how I can

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help it:

If you agree with me that one girl beside the cook and housekeeper will be enough to start with, please "finish your tickets" as you have commenced with the exception of the man servants. If you do not agree with me give me your ideas.

I am very glad that the ~~[illegible]~~ staff promises so well. I do very much hope that you will see it best to retain the present Asst Adjutant general.

I understood Mr Lamont to say that you intended to see me before you organized your office. Let me hear how you get on with the housekeeping arrangements.

Yours truly
Grover Cleveland