

Letter, Louisa Barker to Emily Bissell, December 18, 1908

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Dec. 18th

Dear Miss Bissell:

All our orders from you for stamps have been filled + received to date. The amounts aggregate 600,000. Of these, the last 100,000 has just arrived from New York.

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The mix-up comes in this: upon receipt of your letter of Dec. 12th, saying that you “fear a snag ahead,” I telegraphed to Mr. Magee at Washington for 200,000 stamps, anxiously hoping that he was less overwhelmed with orders than you. His telegram in reply implied that he had forwarded the order to be filled by your printer in Wilmington: + this so confused me that I did not know from just

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which place, Washington or Wilmington, to expect the stamps to come! They are still one: + I shall wire Mr. Magee to that effect. Your letter shows that you have nothing to do with it. I find Mr. Magee a rather confusing person! -- he has agitated me more than once during the last month.

I do not think we shall need any more from you: + I want to thank you sincerely again for your energy + kindness + promptness! I wish Mr. Magee were so constituted.

I enclose a receipt for the 100,000 from J. V. Cameron³ of New York.

In haste--

Sincerely Yours,

Louisa Barker

¹ The text in columns before the address and date comprises the letterhead.

² Between these two columns sits the national seal of the American Red Cross: a white bandage with a red cross on it, with the words NEUTRALITY and HUMANITY above and below it, respectively. Text in a ring surrounding this logo reads THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS, WASHINGTON, D.C. Below the seal reads MASSACHUSETTS BRANCH.

³ Best guess for name.