

To James Boyle Johnson

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U.S.M.S. "ST LOUIS."

Dear Jim  
We had to change  
our plans & did not leave  
with Bennett until nearly a  
week later than we had anticipated.  
I am so sorry to hear that you  
have had financial trouble.  
I am sure your suspicions of  
Arthur must be unfounded.  
Of course you could get a statement  
of the settlement of the estate.  
Arthur has done well but I am  
afraid he has not saved much  
money. You know how hard  
it is to put by anything in our  
profession unless you are  
keen after the "barber's" & successful  
in investments. I worked 20 years

before I had saved a Shilling  
I doubt if I shall be over  
next year as I have a  
lot of heavy literary work on  
hand.

Let me know if I could help  
you in any way with Arthur

Yours sincerely

Wm. Ester.