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The Home Oct 19th 1853

Dear Sir

Yours came duly to hand, and I have to say that the suicide of which you speak was that of my friend Mr C. M. Leupp who put an end to his existence in a fit of insanity. - It is owing to the fact of his having been more or less affected in that way that ~~the~~ furniture which I imported for you is not sold. Tho it may be since his death as I wrote to Mr Lee, his brother in law that I wished it sold. - Indeed I hope it is so for more reasons than one. and when it is sold it is the last act, or the last pecuniary transaction that I shall ever have with relations. You have put me to great inconvenience pecuniary loss uncalled for. Besides which you have raised the question of my wishing to speculate upon the price of the furniture - This whole matter is one that is now become a disagreeable one to talk of and I would much prefer that some one

else would purchase it and I should hear no
more about it -

My daughter's health is not good & she goes
to Carolina in a few days. Calhoun is home
and also on the sick list - As to my venturing
that is not probable for I am not in a frame
of mind to be with any one or out of my
own house. It would perhaps be the most
fortunate thing that could occur to me, if the
grave would close over me & relieve me from
a life that is becoming a heavy burden to carry.
Those whom I have loved & respected are dropping
off one after the other & leave me to battle with
a world in which I have little or no pleasure
and in its inhabitants very little confidence
left -

As to Politics it is at best a dirty business
and I know nothing about what is taking place
But if you pin your hopes upon a tariff

you have surely to be disappointed.

You received from me some three or four years
since a note of hand from George North to me
It was given you because that person in-
tended going into business and perhaps wanted
some excuse to get the evidence of his indebtedness
out of my hands - I do not believe that he
had any intention of going into business and
I believe further it was my own mischance. Will
you have the goodness to send me that note
for I wish my family to have evidence of what
I call rank dishonesty -

My kind regards to Aunt good son &
daughter-in-law which my family will
very affectionately

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