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 Charleston Oct. 7, 1871

Dear Frank

Your valued favor of the 3 Int (?), is duly to hand. I am happy to hear from you, and say that I never recvd, the three letters you mention, I recvd, one letter from you some time ago which went unanswered. We are all well thank God, but do not know how long it will continue so, as the Yellow fever is very bad here, and Children are its victims mostly. And we were all away from here five years, so we have to be acclimated. The fevers broke out here in July, and has not abated yet. We do not know whether it was imparted here or not. There are about ten thousand persons left in the City, on account of it, and not a Country Merchant here to buy goods, trade is killed for this Fall. In regard to your buying a Place, take my advice and when you do buy get a place unincumbered. What the Lawyer says is miss Moonshine, I never take those fellows opinions. I have had to pay about eleven thousand Dollars in the Courts through them. Goods taken out of My Store by the Confederate Government, which I never got a Cent for, I have had to pay the Bankers for. I gave one Lawyer two thousand dollars to settle one of the Claims, and he brought back a receipt on account, in place of in full, and I had to pay nine hundred dollars more, and if I had attended to it myself or sent one of the Clerks that money would have been saved.

I will help you to buy a place as soon as I can, but cannot say now when I can. I had made money, but the wise men here has ruined the State, and they are now trying to get in office with Negro Votes and most of them are the best whipped loyal Citizens that any Country was ever blessed with, or cursed with.

You did not mention anything about Julia or Selina, do you ever hear from Tom, our family are well scattered, and we may never all meet again, it makes me feel bad when I think of it.

Give my best regards to your Family and believe me

Your Affectionate Brother

12/24/02

T.M. Cater