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Dear Sir

Your favor to Dr Steadman has been received, and I am instructed to say to you for him, that you are only wasting the time and trouble you are expending on your case, while it remains in the hands of the party you have employed.

He can never accomplish the desired object. His influence will avail you nothing.

Had it not been for the services Dr Steadman rendered in your case, you would stand in a very different position from what you do today. He can, and will, put an effectual stopper, on any proceedings you may cause to be instituted, for the purpose of obtaining pay. He can do the thing necessary to get it, and he can prevent you getting it through any other party.

You can execute the papers  
I sent you, and send them  
to me as directed, or else  
set your mind at rest, for  
you will recover nothing in any  
other way. He spent his money  
and time to effect your release  
from prison, and he only asks  
you now to put him in a way to  
get his pay, and to pay you the  
balance. Take your own  
course, but he assumed that the  
result above described, whatever your  
action may be, will surely  
be brought about.

Very Respectfully  
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