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Raleigh, N. C., Octo 10th 1887

Dear Mr^s Bourque,

I have your letter of 8th. and am truly sorry to learn that your home is encumbered. I always thought that was free and clear. I will see what I can do for Button's Town. If I sell any and you are willing, I will sell them at \$1. and send you the money. out of which you may pay expressage if you will. the balance to be yours. I may be able to so sell half a dozen. which will probably be the limit here.

I have not seen the Nichols interview, nor the suggestive articles you mention. I don't think very much of him. he has played some crooked games with me. and few straight ones. besides this he is a very small man mentally, morally and intellectually. Tell the Judge that if he is coaching him for anything, my opinion is that he has selected indifferant timber. Thanks

for the book for Mr. Ash. I will deliver it with
great pleasure. The Literary World review is ex-
haustive, and almost "indexical." Is that a
good word? If it were not for "ingenious synthesis
of fragments of fact," &c, I would think I knew its
derivation. That does sound familiar.

Sincerely & truly yours.

A. M. Shaffer.