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Chicago, June 5th 1891

My dear Judge

I seldom feel more guilty when putting my pen to paper than I do now - I was to advise you the 20th of May and here it is the 5th of June - It is useless to make excuses but it was just the way, everything has been crowding on me - even to the moving of my family to the country - and being full all the time I have done none of those things that would let me forget them - I have thought you often enough but could not make up my mind, under the surrounding circumstances, what I should say to you. As I considered the matter of more than ordinary importance I desired to discuss the matter with Mr. Kohlstedt but find myself where I have to act on my own responsibility - then as I remember our talk the things to consider

1st - the story - 2nd - the Columbus

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articles and \$300 in earned pay for
your article the Columbus article began
to run - the Columbus papers
I understood you for me to be
syndicated or published in more
than one paper - the story you want
to run only in one paper - the story
you want \$3000 - in our talk I did
understand you to fix any price
on the Columbus papers - I suppose
a price should be fixed that each
paper publishing would be expected to pay
and get no money of them as possible
ble - you suggested that you ought
have \$1000 for work but after much thought
and looking at all the extra expenses
we are at that is more than we can
afford to pay but we will double the
present pay and make it \$600 for
work, with understanding that we
you are to furnish an article in
articles for Wednesday issues - we
should prefer them shorter than the

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"Byplauder" as we shall probably have
and their character, as you suggested, ^{entirely different}
less room on that day of the work -
them on fit to be something definite
about the price of the Columbus papers
when they are to begin to run - Also
as to history - Let me hear from you with
such details as suggest themselves to
you - If all is satisfactory let the
new arrangements begin with the ^{work}
auditing June 20th i.e. - work after
next -

If you want me to undertake
to secure subscribers for the Co-
lumbus papers I will agree to
do so provided you will write the
prospectus for them and furnish
any other ads I may want for them
- the first paper in my opinion should
accompany the prospectus and care
greatly should made as attractive as
possible -

I expect to go to New York next

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works but should you reply not made
here before I leave I will leave word
to have it forwarded -

I trust that my neglect
to write has not seriously annoyed
you or made you lose your
tempers - If it has I can
only offer sincere apologies
and remain

Very truly
Your friend
Wm. H. Wood