

Keam River August 10<sup>th</sup> 1872.

Confidential

Hon. a W. Torrey Esq.

Dear Sir I learn from John DeLaud you  
or some of your friends want to buy his mill property. I write to  
you confidentially to let you know that I have a Deed of Deeds  
on the mill & some other lands worth fully two thousand dollars  
to secure a debt due me of about thirty five or six hundred  
dollars. John DeLaud owes me a balance of some forty three  
to forty five hundred dollars on the purchase money for the  
Tract of Land on which he lives containing some where  
between five & six hundred acres. He expects you to pay him  
some five or six thousand dollars for the mill & some twenty  
odd acres. I wish to make some arrangement with you  
so as to save my debt due on the ~~same~~ Tract. If I sell  
at auction for cash the mill place I suppose it will  
bring from two thousand to twenty five hundred dollars. by our  
having an understanding before hand as to what you will  
give me for the homestead in case I have to take it back  
from Ireland to save the balance due on it. You can buy the  
mill at your own figures. but if you do not come to  
some understanding with me on this matter, I shall  
wish to have the mill bought bought so as to sell  
the whole together. & I hope you will aid me in the matter  
Please write me,  
Yours Truly, Geo W. Simpson