

New River Aug 13th 1872

Hon. A. W. Towner

Dear Sir

Yours of yesterday to hand. I think you greatly underestimate the mill property. I do not think the mill or the Dam worth five hundred dollars. Except for the saw, haws & stones. but the water power I think is low at ten thousand dollars to one who is able to put up machinery & run it. I am quite confident I can make this trade with Ireland, take the Home place for the balance due on it & the mill tract for the amount of the mortgage. This will make the whole property cost me between seventy eight hundred and eight thousand dollars. If you will write and tell me you will take the whole property so as to pay me the two debts (not however to exceed the sum of eight thousand dollars) and will pay the money soon I am quite certain I can get it for you on those terms, and will go to work and try and get it for you, but I have no use for the property & I cannot afford to hold it & let it lie idle. If you buy this property as above & thus enable me to save my debt against Ireland and realize the money soon. I will arrange for you to satisfy out of this sum & discharge them two certain notes now in the hands of our mutual friends for collection. If there is any use in my doing so I will go up to Greensboro on the day train from the shops Thursday & stop at the Benlow House so you can call and see me on the business you speak of in yours of yesterday. I may telegraph you about my going to Greensboro & if I do will sign the name of Henry Cook who lives with me,

Yours Truly

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