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Nov. 15th 1887

Benjamin Lowry Esq.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 9th is recd -

I suppose you could ascertain in 12 hours whether your clients are willing to accept the amount proposed or not. I have no interest in the matter as I do not regard myself as at all likely ever to get rid of my embarrasments and a judgment more or less does not signify to me in my condition. The facts are simply as I wrote you. A friend who has no interest except individual kindness has offered to pay a small percent on claims against me and

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later his chances of my being able to pay a little at a time. It would be useless to ask him to pay more than 25 per cent of the face of the bill. He does not care whether it is in paper or not. I simply mentioned the judge, thinking it might be to your advantage to have it in that form. He will pay no costs or allowances and I could not ask him to do so. I do not understand your proposal to "recommend" as being an unexplained and certainly cannot confer judgment for a claim not itemized and of which I have no knowledge. Not having served a bill of particulars I know nothing about its basis. If you choose to send the bill and withdraw the action for 25 per cent, if the debt is correct, it will

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will serve my friend just as well. He simply wants to know that he is buying a solid claim. If you think you can do better I have no wish to part any of the stock in your faith. I know I could not and I would not ask one acting as he is to risk more than that amount.

Yours truly,
