Fords, Howard, & Hulbert,

No. 47 East Tenth St., New York. Feb. 5/96

Dear Mrs. Jaeger:

I have read your letter of the 4th inst., and I almost wish I had'nt. You have the greatest sympathy of all of us.

I have purposely delayed settling with Dr. Preston, hoping that he might be willing to allow a few ounces to be shaved off his

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"pound of flesh", but I'm afraid he isn't built that way. Perhaps he feels that he is justly Entitled to Every cent, and no doubt in these times he needs the money. We are Concocting a letter to him and will advise you on the result.

I earnestly hope that there may be some silver lining among the clouds.

Yours Sincerely,

J. H. Bell

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