

Durham Bobbin and Shuttle Co.,

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Durham, N. C., April 16th 1889

Dear Richard,

Nannie received your letter written from Constantinople the 27th of Mch- yesterday. You seem to complain that we do not write to you. You also stated that you gave me your address from N.Y. In that you are mistaken. You simply wrote me stating that you had shipped me an old lot of clothing and that you would sail the 9th of July. And Nannie nor myself did not know where a letter would reach you. I have had only one letter from you since you left and you told me to write you at Bank of Egypt - Cairo Egypt. Which Nannie and myself both did. by return mail I hope this will reach you safely and satisfy you as to the cause of your not hearing from us. Little May seems to be getting on right well. Dr. Van is using electricity on her and giving her

Hyperphosphates, and I think she is improving under the treatment. But I guess Nannie has told you all about her, as she has just written. I hardly know what to say to you about the shuttle mill. We have a large stock of timber on hand, and I reckon filling orders as fast as could be expected considering all the timber is green. Expenses up to this time are greatly in excess of out-put of work. Newton the Superintendent demanded April 1st payment in full for his services, saying he intended to leave. And the Dr. went north to get a man, has not returned yet. Newton is here yet and will remain until Watten's gets some one to take his place. It is impossible to run this business with out an expert to make tools. This is a very pretty business and I hope it will pay after a while. Newton's excuse for leaving is that he wanted you to make contract for a number of years with him and that you refused to do it, and then contracted with Petty for a year to learn the business and then kick him (Newton) out. I am afraid you made a mistake in getting Petty. He idles too much time to make

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the shutter business pay. For instance he has made and shipped since 14th of Jan. about \$1600⁰⁰ worth of shutters and the Company pays him \$1000⁰⁰ pr. month making his salary up to April 14th \$3000⁰⁰ a difference of \$1400⁰⁰. But of course there has been some disadvantages as it was some little time after he came before the mill started up and have had some delay in getting spindles made. I will write you again as soon as I hear from you and learn where a letter will reach you.

You mentioned in your letter to Mami that you wrote me your address from London or Paris. I have had no letter from either of those places. Durham is quiet about as when you left. Let me hear from you as often as possible and I will ensure you promptly whether the letters reach you or not. Hoping you a safe and prosperous trip —

I am yours &c
Thos. D. Wright