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Dear Richard:-

Your esteemed & highly appreciated letter of Oct. 24th was rec'd a few days ago. Glad to hear from you & to know you & your girl are good friends. Hope it will not stop there, but grow to something more solid and lasting. I had the firm built for Pawish, Ontario. I am still holding on to me. Value at \$20.⁰⁰ may have to reduce, don't know yet. Will pay the Insurance as they come due for you and you can send the note to pay the Conn. Insur. Co. as stated. Slaughter gave me written notice in due time that he would vacate Jan 1st 1890. He then came and offered \$600. for 8 years lease and said he would not give any more nor would he rent it for a shorter time, so I had a talk with Fuller & he said if he was me after reading your letter he would not rent it at Slaughter's offer. I told him I would let him have it one year but he would not take it that way. So I have said and done all I could. I think he will stay, but he makes out he will not. He is doing - I tell you - a fool with it. I have the morhead Banking Co. Considering the matter. They want to

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know what you will take for the Bank room & rooms
one Bank including third floor & half of State
Way. The Jan. says all to \$100,000 - is taken in
the Bank, but they are trying to make the capital
stock \$200,000. one more will be \$30,000 - split
if we will. Will you to take stock in this
Bank you could trade with them in better times.
Then as some talk of two other Banks in Durham
soon. I have rented two rooms in this building
to a lawyer from Shelby from Jan. 1st/90 -
I brought him to Durham myself. I think
I will rent another to a Dr. next month. I
am doing my best for you and will charge up 5%
as this is the way I make my living. I must
make it or quit the business, and so have you return
and you can't think it's worth it. I don't charge
any thing - how can't this fair - Mrs. Antchfield
has the Basement store at \$10.00 per m - I had to pay
out nearly a months rent to fix it as she wanted it
or let it stay idle - Sam Jones did not have
altogether as big a meeting this time as he did the
last time, but got as much money. Blackwell's
Creditors all met here on the 18th what they were of &
can't see, but hope they will offer a compromise & then I think

Durham will move off again, at least I think hopes -
 Business is pretty fair here now - tobacco high. I
 don't know any more worth stating - You ought to write
 me the news - Now if you want me to close the
 trade with Sloughs, I'll do so for you. You can
 telegraph me, but I will never do it unless
 you authorize me to do so - His object is to
 beat us down on rents and I had rather lose
 than allow him to have his way about
 this matter, it is all his swing - I have
 heard he had offered \$1000.00 for the
 drug store Blackman is in. Blackman has been
 paying \$400. it is not at all suited for a
 Bank - I still think he will stay where
 he is at, but I may be mistaken I
 think I can rent the place for more money, I mean
 the Bank - but I am subject to your orders -
 With best wishes, I am

P.S.

Your friend
 Robt. L. Rogers

Enclosed I enclose a note
 from Wm. Fuller