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Gentlemen:

I was very glad to receive your favor of the 30th ult. upon my return to Philadelphia. I expect to come to Kentucky about the 1st of September and I may by that time have some matters of mutual interest worked out. At the sale of the United States Marshall held at Saylorville Judge DuRelle representing Mr. Carl Smedberg of New York bought the title derived from the Hardy Patent and mortgaged to Smedberg. Smedberg assigns his bid and we are now negotiating for a 6 months option for J.B. Walsh of Pittsburg. I am pleased to note the continuous development of the mineral resources in eastern Kentucky and I feel confident that there is a great future for this section of the United States. It has always given me a great deal of pleasure to meet you in your native place. I have appreciated the courtesy and kindness you have shown me while I have been in Kentucky. I regret that we have never yet been able to work out much for our mutual interests. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in September. In the mean time if any proposition arises of interest kindly submit it. I will see what I can do with capital in Philadelphia. I am representing some interests at the present time that are able to furnish the finance.

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Yours very truly,

J. B. Rettew,