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Dear Uncle Henry:

Yours of the 2nd received. I am very much obliged to you for trying to see Combs for me, I hope you were able to do so yesterday. Of course, he would stand you and father off if he could, the only way to do him or any other politician is to push him hard. I hope he will soon give father a raise, even if we cannot get him in as chief clerk.

The store you speak of as being vacant, is the one under lease until October 15th 1899 to Benedict, Jackson & Co. I understand they have just made arrangements with Lawton & Co. China dealers, to take the lease off of their hands. I had the concern here investigated by Dunn and am satisfied that they are still connected with the New York house. I have decided I will stand pat, and I feel certain that I will get my \$100.00 a month up to October 1899

Yours very truly,

R. A. McDowell