



Durham, N.C. Dec. 11th 1890

Dear Richard:-

Your very welcome letter written from Colombo Ceylon on Jan. 7th has just reached me, and I was very glad to learn that you were yet in the land of the living. I don't understand why it is my letters are so long reaching you. I have written several of late and none of them seem to have reached you. I wrote two about two months ago directed one to Cairo Egypt and other to Calcutta India. These were written at solicitation of the Dr. and Exum which you surely have received before this time. I hardly know what to say about Shuttle mill. Some times I feel like we will yet make a success, and at others I get completely out with it and feel like it would be best to close it down. We did a very good months work in Jan, shipped over \$2500⁰⁰ worth of work, but fear we will not do more than half of that this month. In fact we are about



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out of certain kinds of stock, and can not control funds enough to buy it, and I fear the season for cutting timber will be over before we get any, and we will then be in a bad fix for running the next twelve months, but fact is I want in your place and that of all the stock holders, unless something could be done to get in a good supply of timber, ^{I would close the mill down} this way, trying to run the mill from hand to mouth, will always be run at a loss, as long as we are in this condition it is folly to tackle the big mills, who give large orders, as it would be impossible to fill them promptly, we have had all we could do since you left, but orders are a little short now, Had inquiry from Lynchburg mills few days since for 50,000 bobbins, we made them price, and they sent samples and spindles, and ordered a small lot as sample. I think we will get that order, We finished up a \$2000.00 order for a mill in D.C. a few weeks since, sometimes I feel like if the mill



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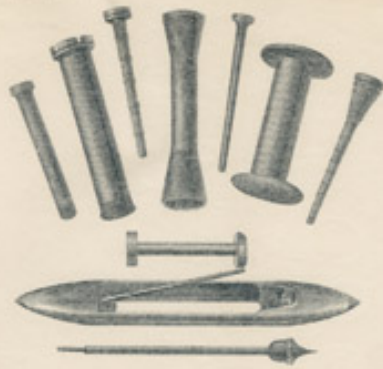
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was well stocked with timber so we could at
all times run at full blast, there would
be money in it, and I believe there would. The
Shuttle association have reorganized and
I hope we will be able to realize better prices for
them in future. But we are not sure just
yet, whether the combination will hold water.
Since Xmas, we have managed to keep enough to
our credit at bank to meet expenses, but are
accumulating nothing to meet the notes
we have out. I hope you are having a
prosperous trip. All the largest Cigarette mfgs.
in U.S. have gone into a trust, and have
made Buck Duke Pres. at a salary of \$80,000
per year. This trust I understand takes in
the Band Box machine, have you heard of
it? Will it affect your business in
foreign countries? I understand John Carr
is negotiating with some parties for the sale
of his business here. But don't think he



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has succeeded yet in making sale, Stokes
is out of business, has quit buying tobacco
entirely, he stays on his little farm all
the time. I will get a copy of our papers
and mail you with this, the note as per,
your advice reached me all right - and
will go to bank this evening and try and have
it - disct. - so as to pay old man Tilly, there will
be a small balance, but this will save him
off and I can manage balance. I feel very grate-
ful to you, for this favor, and shall feel under lasting
obligations for this kindness, as well as numerous
others, which I hope some day to be able to repay,
according to what you told me the shuttle mill
would pay me, there is now about \$500.00 due
me, as I have tried to live close this year.
This amt. is at your disposal on your return
home, and any thing else that I have, and if I
am now able to repay you, I feel, that in
the world to come that - you will be rewarded



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and have many shining stars, in your
Crown for such big hearted deeds of
kindness. We are all usually well, except
colds, &c. Mamma has just written and guess
she has told you all the news, about
town &c. So I will close for this
hoping you a prosperous trip and
a speedy and safe return home.
I am yours &c.
She's, & right