

Washington, July 27/62.
Simon Stephens,
Sr. Sir,

I should
have replied to your
note, ^{before} but expected to
have seen you here
before this. I had not
the remotest idea of
doing injustice to you
in my remarks to which
you refer. In fact I
did not have you in my
mind at the time. One
of the committee had
informed me that they
were endeavoring to stop

payment for the ones
on the last purchase at
\$22. & my only object in
alluding to the matter was
to show the mismanage-
ment in the Noe Depart-
ment. I regret very much
that my remarks should
have had any bearing upon
you as connected with the
transaction, for really I
knew nothing about the
question of agency one way
or the other. If opportu-
nity offers, I will set you
right so far as I am con-
cerned.

Yours truly

Sydney Furbush