Smyrna, Jany. 24th 1866

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Dear Sir:

Your letter 4th Inst. was duly rec.d & I passed by answering it till now in the hope of being able to say fill the date in my check & use it — I have used my best efforts to turn an ample amount of property into Cash and thought in time to prepare for the Check but I am disappointed in every turn & movement and I feel fairly abashed & mortified — I would borrow the money of Bank but the Stock only known to me by way of giving any accommodation having lately taken steps to put on the National plates, first themselves to begin that they Cannot discount at all — I lay in Confidence on the last discount day at our Bank that a Single paper was done — In the "Omnibus" steps the Whole batch was voted down — I have plenty of grain to convert but the "fates" seem to fault me — I have had a standing order with my friends Messrs. A. E. Cattell & Co. Phila. for a Month past to sell my Wheat & still it is not sold — They write, they Cant sell Without a purchaser — When