an offer — if Balt. wants to get the Estate divided, & have the management of her half let her make us an offer — if she does not want this, let her make us an offer — so that the N. O. Com. will not be able to say "the Col. claim is got in our way — we cannot agree to any final adjustment" — By no calculation can our yearly income for 30 years amount to less than a total of $84,230.27 — While the probability is that the Estate will be so settled & managed as in the end to give us three or five times that amt. — We can therefore afford to wait & hope. We have waited already a considerable time. It would be better for the cities to buy us out — & to pay decently for it — & they will have to do it — I mean the latter. You can say this much to Mr. Mayer — if he wants to buy a bargain, get him to make the offer, now, before the Supreme Court gives its decision — for we shall be much stiffer after than now.

Yours very truly

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P.S. Why does not Capt. Heaps get up your bill? — Who did the article in this Am's clipper?

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