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Dear A. D. Atherton

Do find enclosed from final
Statement and check for
\$392⁸⁶ which I send in hope
will prove correct and satis-
factory. I deemed it un-
necessary to itemize it but
will if you desire it. Rents
have been difficult to collect,
hence the delay. There was
not three bales made on
your place in excess of
rents. The merchants who
furnished the tenants are
holding the bag. And
decline to assist anyone
who pays a stated rent.
Hence I leased the place
for one fourth the
product. You are
fortunate in having white
tenants as the negroes are
leaving this section when

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ever an opportunity pre-
sents. My former
almost denuded of
laborers - Along the R.R. Road
and near the towns they
have left in large numbers
for the far South and their
places in turn are filled
by drafts upon the interior
sections - Only a further
concentration about the towns
to the detriment of the agricul-
tural interests -

Wishes you and yours a
happy and prosperous New
Year.

I am very yours

Elias Leary