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Dear Father=

Yours duly rec'd. Washington is one of the most liberal places in the world to do business in. The following is illustrative. Jim Paine wrote me recently that he would need some money to buy cotton, & that as security he would give a note signed by some of the directors of the Mills & asked me if Mr Sam Dawson. if it was wished by the lenders. I laid the matter before several of the bankers, explaining the situation, & not one of them would touch it, each one answering, "we touch no business outside of the city." So you

see I can scarcely hope to be more fortunate, in the matter you propose, viz. J A Davis J A Cobb & yourself. Money is very scarce here, I have been unable yet awhile to negotiate a loan on my N street house & if I succeed the probability of having to pay 7 or 8% for the money robs me of the belief of the wisdom of the undertaking. If fortune favors me with the sale of any one of my five houses I can & will assist you with a loan of $2000. If however I am unable to make disposition of any of these houses I will indorse for you, & I doubt not but that any bank in Norfolk will discount the paper. Am sorry I can not accommodate Mr Hunter, I have so written him, The Skakspeare Insomnia was in all truth a great revelation, but you mistake the feelings which possessed me after the reading of the same. I think not a whit the less of Bacon, & a great deal more of William Skakspeare Esq. & I consider myself fortunate to have come by the truth, through the medium of so great a pleasure. La Grippe is playing havoc in Washington, I have thus far escaped it. Love to all & thank Mother & the little girls for their kind Gmas remembrances apply them.