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Capt. W. A. Day
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Dear Sir: While I can not say I am surprised to find that you attempted by a ruse to elicit certain information from me, yet I wish to say to you that, although I have not seen either Can for more than five years and his son Wm. Can only once and that for more than four years I had no communication with either of them, I stand ready to testify to my unswerving belief in their probity - I would be the last man in the world to be a party to an attempt to asperse either of them. To get at what he wanted Mr. Smith had to first tell me what he wished to prove by me and in this way I discovered that your pretended desire to ascertain about the purchase of lands was intended as a decoy. In parting let me say that neither covertly nor openly - could you ever have led me into saying that either of these gentlemen were dishonest. I write this to produce no unpleasantness, but to let you know that I appreciate Candor more than Chicanery,

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Yrs truly

Wm. Parker