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Elias Lewis Esq
Old Sparta

Dear sir:

I have your letter of
the 3rd inst. I am glad to
know that you were pleased
with the article and am also
pleased to be corrected on the
point you suggest. This matter
of jute buying rebates illustrates
the general system of robbery
going on in this county under
our complicated Sheriff laws.
I do not think that proper
attention has been given by
our public men to the
details of our system, particularly

to department regulations made
under general statutes, and
it was observed when connected
with the Customs service that
schemes of all kinds were
daily concocted and carried
out, under a nominal con-
formity to law, like this
one of false buying, that
were dishonest and robbery.
My own idea is that the
good resulting from the
general statute, R.S. 3019, is
a mere bay atello compared
with the evil growing out
of the illegal claims paid
under that statute, and
it ought to be repealed. Either
goods ought to pay duty and
there should be no refund, or
they ought to come in free.

I will send the article to the
Tariff reform club, as you suggest.

