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Capt.Reid Whitford,
Georgetown,S.C.

Dear sir:-

Please accept my thanks for your kind invitation to be present at the 13th. Annual Banquet of the Palmetto Club on the 31st.instant. I would be more than pleased if I could visit Georgetown again and have the pleasure of meeting the many acquaintances formed during my last visit but I will have to deny myself this pleasure at this time.I have just returned (this morning) from Washington City where I spent Xmas with Mr.& Mrs .W.K.Carr,and as there are important matters to be attended to at the beginning of the New Year I cannot take the time for even such a pleasant visit. With kindest regards for Mrs.Whitford and yourself and wishing you both much continued happiness during the New Year ,I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Elias Lewis