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Major J. G. Reed  
 Matthews Va.

My dear Sir:

While your letter of the 20th. December remained unacknowledged, it is not for lack of interest in the subject treated, but for my frequent absence from my office since its reception and want of time to write at length as I wished to do, and this I am unable to do now but will promise to continue the subject in a future letter.

There is no disguising the fact