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51 Ray Street South
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My very dear Uncle & Aunt

I find the date has arrived for me to send the interest on the money I have of yours, and what to say to you this time I am at a loss.

Business has been better for the past six weeks than it has been all the summer and I hope it will continue to improve, for I have at least \$150⁰⁰ to meet by the end of the year, and I must

of necessity get my stock replenished for the fall trade, and I tremble at the thought of it, for I have been paying out all the summer, just as I have taken it in, thus have not been able to lay past a single dollar. I feel the lack of not having a little capital to fall back on, and which if I had could buy many things to considerable advantage.

Those who buy for cash can sell cheaper than me. The consequence is I can't do the business I would like to. As I read over my letter thus far, it looks very much like poverty pleading nevertheless the facts are

just as I have stated.

I hope you won't think that I want to borrow more money, for I would rather not, for the more I get in that way the greater my responsibility and anxiety. I must thank you kindly for the use of the amount you have entrusted to me and which I will gladly return as soon as I possibly can.

I enclose \$9⁰⁰ interest on the amount borrowed please drop me a line or postal card when you receive it.

I hope dear Aunt and the family are well as this leaves me.

With very kind regards to all
I remain ever
Your affec^{ate} nephew George Mercer Bell

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