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261 Greene St New York
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My Dear Whitall

I send herewith all the papers I have in the matter of Aunt Sarah's estate - I wish you would carefully read the Governors letters, together with the one I sent you the other day - They furnish a curious kaleidoscopic mental picture - His anxiety about the Packer is amusing.

Now the more I think of the Whitwell suit, the less I like the idea of carrying it on - I believe none of the family are anxious to sell their shares in it at present, unless it be the Governor - I have the last letter from him, enclosed; he seems inclined to let matters go. Why Smith & Sheffield are so anxious to have us withdraw the suit I cant see, if as they say, they can get $25,000 for the property at once, whereas Whitwell wont have it at $22,000 - but whatever be their motive, & whatever dodge there is in the proposition, I dont see it. Notwithstanding this admitting that Whitwell wants to get out of the scrape, what do we gain by keeping him in it? The suit is to compel him to execute a contract - Suppose we get a decree and he cant pay up, What