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Hon. JOHN CROSSLEY, President.

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33 CAMP ST., NEW ORLEANS,
Hon. JEFFERSON DAVIS, President.

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Dear Sir,

My Squary Chairman of the Executive Committee has recently written to me a letter which you will not be astonished to hear I read with surprise as it revives the questions which I had supposed were adjusted in our correspondence.

When your proposition was made to me, to accept the Presidency of the American Branches, the plan submitted was to allow me a moderate fixed salary and a compensation contingent on results, also to allow a sum to cover office and other expenses. A portion of the fees were to be remitted to the Parent Office and if the residue did not suffice to cover the useful expenses on this side the Parent Office was to make good the deficiency. To this I offered a counter proposition, that instead of remitting fees and depending on the Parent Society for support, we should retain the fees on this side, refunding the advance which might be required to put the Branches into working condition, and also to refund all outlays made by the Parent Society in compliance with applications made by the American Department. To this I received a reply directed only to the question of