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My Dear Grandfather

I hastened upon my
first arrival here to deliver your letters and ^{concerns} with your friends upon the subject of the lottery, the
leading men have taken up the affair with care and
are making their impressions upon others. we propose
on Thursday to ask leave to bring in the bill. your
friends are confident of ~~such~~ success. The bill has been drawn
in conformity to the opinions of the most zealous and most
judicious of your friends. It is drawn with a preamble
simply stating the length of your public services, the conse-
quent embarrassment therefrom. To take away all ground
of objection as a scheme to raise money. valuers are appointed
to set a fair & liberal value on the property on the usual
credit and we are authorized to raise such a sum as will give
us that valuation nett. I have named persons in whose
character and feelings I could rely. I have by next mail to
give you more decisive information. I will purchase the
regiment clothing and send it up

ever & affectionately
your

W. Randolph

Randolph W. Richm^d, Jan. 31. 26.

rec^d. Feb. 3.

My dear friend

I have just received your letter of the 26th and am
glad to hear from you. The subject of the letter is
interesting and I have been thinking of it since.
I have been very busy lately and have not had
time to write you more fully. I will try to
do so in a few days. I am well and hope
these few lines will find you the same.
I am, dear friend, ever your
affectionate friend,
R. W. Richm^d.