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September 13th. 1894.

Hon. T. C. Catchings,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Catchings:-

I presume you have observed the controversy between the Treasury Department of the United States and the State officials here over the matter of the Special Warrants, and I think you can render me some service in the matter.

In the year 1867, I think it was, the State of Alabama, under an act of the legislature, issued similar certificates or receipts, which were to be used just as ours were, and what was known as our "Albany Money" was issued in 1870, and circulated without question until it served its purpose. In the case of the Alabama warrants, Governor Patton submitted the question and design of the certificates to Attorney General Stanbury who gave him the opinion in writing declaring the constitutionality of the warrants undoubted, and the certificates were issued and their legality was never further questioned.

Now what I desire is a copy of that opinion of Attorney General Stanbury, together with any other information on the subject that may have been in possession of his Department. Will you do me the favor to obtain these for me from the office of the Attorney General, if it can be done, and forward to me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely your friend,

