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Washington, D.C. }
March 3, 1864. }

Dr. Philip Mink,

My Dear Sir:-

Your kind favor of the 27th ult.,
came duly to hand. I have made diligent
inquiry for the articles you so much desire, viz:
The Chinese Potatoe; Genuine Coffee and Ohilli
Cotton Seed. Up to this time I have been un-
able to procure any of the articles desired, and,
I fear, they are not accessible. Nevertheless,
I am to receive, within a few ~~more~~ days, a
catalogue of such seeds as can be obtained in
limited quantities, and if possible to obtain them,
I will take great pleasure in forwarding to you
such as you seem to desire. I fear, however,
from what I can learn, that they are not
on hand.

I feel obliged to you for your suggestions
in relation to taxation. I think they are
eminently just, and, I believe, if adopted,
would result in great good to the country.

I also receive thankfully your other

Suggestions. This is the People's country,
and I earnestly hope that they, comprehending
their own great interests, will ever act for
their true interests by making suggestions and
requiring their public servants to adhere to
their wants.

I ~~forwarded~~ you a Patent Office
Report, which contains much useful
information - and shall forward you, from
time to time, such documents as I may
deem of interest to you -

In all communications, & and for
me, I am entitled to the ~~frank~~ ^{frank} privilege - which saves postage -

Let me hear from you as often
as convenient.

I remain, truly,
Your obt. Serv't.,
Jos. F. McDowell.