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Sir,

In several suits now depending in the Sup. Court of the U.S. respecting the Estate of Eden it is thought extremely important to be able to satisfy the Judges of that Court that the Sup. Court of this State have decided that Medef the younger had such an estate as could be devised and that it passed by his will. On the preceding page is a copy (except the words 'sealed') of the certificate which you gave me at the date there mentioned for the purpose of being shown to the Circuit Judge who might preside on the new trial which the Supreme Court awarded. The omission in that certificate of the words 'sealed' left it in the opinion of the late counsel, an ambiguity whether the will of Medef Eden the younger or Medef Eden the elder was intended, and this gave rise to much debate before the Circuit Judge.

In case therefore you should see no objection I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will transmit to me by mail such a certificate.