

Near Mandy Station

Culpeper Co Va

January 26th 1867

Sir

I was gone home when
your letter arrived -

Your bonds are worth just as much as
they ever were & that is - Nothing - The
parties that issued them used my name
or trustee without authority & I have pub-
lished this fact more than once in the
N Y Herald & other Northern papers -
a greater pack of scoundrels never ex-
isted than they got so many of their bonds
in circulation has been a puzzle to me.

They hadnt money enough except what they
got on their bonds to buy office rent -

I am Yr Obedt Serv

J W M Bots

I have had more than
a hundred letters to write
in answer to enquiries similar to yours.