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Dear Sir

Your last order  
you the Cotton Market  
has been excited and the  
same quality we last sent  
you has been sold at  
10 cts - Today it is a  
little less & the price 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> -  
Tomorrow we must buy  
again I hope to get it  
at 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cts -

Yours truly

J. W. Patterson

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