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Dr Sir - Seeing a critical notice of a pamphlet of yours in the Cincinatti common by C Rumblir[?], I write to request the favor of a copy. It touches, I infer, on the present inequitious distribution of wealth. In my opinion the evil is to be found in our present monetary system & in usury. Money is the measure of value, & like other measures & weights, should be free of change for the office it performs. Inclosed I send you the southern _____ containing an article by me under the signature of _____, from which you will see my views of the proper office of money. In my opinion, there never can be a proper & just distribution between capital & labor until the present system of money is readicallly changed. I agree with Kellog - that usury is white slavery! As long as it continues, the masses can never own property. I am Sir respectfully yours

Jn A Thomson