

Dictated.

Mayville, N. Y.
Nov. 8th '90

Matthews & Northrup,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Yours of the 1st inst rec'd.

Your suggestions are very remarkable ones.

If your books show a balance against me of \$389.75, they are badly kept books.

The only transactions I have ever had with you were,

1--The purchase of a lithographic stone on which is the Judge's portrait.

2--The renewal of a note made by myself and the Judge jointly to Mr Walter Chase, and by him assigned to you, for the sum of \$200.

3--The purchase of several thousand lithographs, for which I hold your receipts *in full.*

Any other charge you may have against me is without foundation.

As to the note, you had the serial publication of "Button's Inn"
the copyright of which belonged to me, ^{and} which was not ^{much} only worth more
than the face of the note, but that amount was offered for its serial
publication in New England alone. You were given the sole right
east of Chicago. I intended it as a payment of your note. You might
have made \$300, or \$400, on it outside of use in the Express had you
so desired. The fact that you chose to use it there only does not
affect the value of what you received.

As to the stone, it was well understood at the time that it was
paid for with my money and was to be entirely under my control and
that you would be held responsible for using it for any other pur-
pose. As one of your firm remarked I had a right to take it home
and use it for a door stone if I chose.

You were authorized to print from it for Mr Chase and expressly forbidden to use it for any other person except at my order. If you do not choose to do my work for me, I will place the stone with some one who will. You may recall the fact that only a few months ago you expressly solicited me for further orders for this very work at \$50., per 1000.

I regret any difficulty but I cannot see why you should seek to hold me liable for credit given Mr Chase, and I am sure no one can feel more outraged than I in the matter of "Buttons's Inn."

Respectfully,