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Mayville, N. Y. February 19th, 1908.

Wednesday a.m.

Dear Mr Cipperly:

I have yours of yesterday anent the Telephone Company matter, and have made a copy of your letter which goes to Mr Moot by the afternoon mail. As before stated, having placed the matter in the hands of an attorney, I have nothing further to offer only by his instructions, except to correct some errors in your communication.

On the first day of November, I met Milton Smith on the street and he said to me casually that he hoped they would be able to move that day from my building, and I think possibly they did take a load from it, but of that I am not sure. On Monday following I left for Washington, (Nov. 3rd), and the Telephone Company were still in the building. On my return, the 20th of that month, seeing the telephone wires were detached, I tried to enter the building but was unable to do so, all the doors being fastened. Supposing the Telephone Co. still had goods stored there I made no farther effort to enter and on the last day of the month wrote them a note saying if they did not wish to continue paying rent to put me in possession of the building. From this I heard nothing until several weeks had passed when you met me on the street and said Milton Smith declared he had never had a key that the doors were bolted on the inside and that he had gotten out by the window, and you intimated that I could get possession by entering the same way. Not relishing that mode of procedure I said nothing farther about the matter. On or about the 15th of January, Milton Smith came to my apartment in the Thorhelm and informed me he had opened the doors of the former Telephone Office and it was at my disposition.

Of what has followed, you are fully aware.

Very truly yours,

*Emmanuel Bourgeois*