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Mayville, N. Y., March 5th, 1909.

Friday a.m.

Messrs Vandusen & Martin, Attys. ,

Mayville, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am just in receipt of your note of yesterday.

I do not propose to pay that Arnold judgment,--unless all your courts are mere farces such as the Justice and County courts have proved themselves to be in this case. There might just as well have been no testimony but Arnold's before Scofield, and the County Judge re-affirmed a verdict--without as he confessed being able to read the testimony on appeal.

I have known something about courts all my life, and never heard or conceived anything equal in absurdities and injustice to this.

I am just leaving for Washington, as the Congressman who has had our house there for the past 18 months, was not re-elected and is giving it up and I must be there to go over the inventory before he leaves. I should go tomorrow but may not be able to get away before Monday as I have much preparation to make.

Of the \$735.00, in cash paid Arnold on this job, besides all the lead pipe and sheeting he took from the house, I do not doubt he cleared half of it as everything was done in the cheapest, most slipshod manner,--not a thing pertaining to the electric light arrangements that could come apart, but has done so,--and as for the plumbing, I have to pay Mr Stiles more or less every month for mending leaks and unstopping drains, and I don't propose to pay Arnold another cent, or if compelled to do so, it shall cost him much more than his original bill. And what about my chandelier? Am I to have nothing for that? Is theft--for it is nothing else--and such work as he gave me at a premium in the courts of Chautauqua County?

I am gentlemen,

Sincerely,

P.S. If it is not necessary to have the papers on appeal prepared before my return from Washington, I will do all the typewriting that you need in this or any other case.--I don't care how much.

Yours,

E.K.T.

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