

Gentlemen: I have your letter of the — inst. I was not aware that you had been "traced" or "enjoined" from paying to me, as you have never informed me, as under the circumstances you most certainly should have done without delay. This would have enabled me to take such steps as I might be advised in regard to it. The Judge says he does not recall the details of your various "trustee" processes and has not the statute in his library. He will probably be in Boston next week and on what course he thinks it best for me to pursue in the matter. It may be a good chance to force Blair to an issue, which I would prefer to do, outside the State of New York.

So far as you are concerned, it makes no difference, as you do not owe me anything and never did. The trustee process covers only money due at the time of service or to become due thereafter. At the time of service, you owed me nothing as I had long before that time transferred

any claim arising under our
contract to a third party and for a
valuable consideration. I do not sup-
pose my assignee ever heard of Mr.
Blair, certainly he has not yet heard
of him from me. His claim is irrefragible
and you have only to make answer to the
Trustee process, that you owe me nothing,
did not at the time of service and have
no property or funds of mine and no
liability that can accrue in his be-
half. That is all there is of that.

Mr. Skinner is a banker of Westfield
Mass. N. Y. - a gentleman of large fortune
quite able to defend his own rights and
having an established reputation for
willingness to do so. If Mr. Blair
wants to try and controvert your an-
swer of no indebtedness, let him do
so. He will find the road he has to
travel a very rough one as any law-
yer will tell you in five minutes.
Yours respectfully

Send on the answer
to Blair and
to the trustee
in case Blair
is to try.