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Villa Trocadero.

Arcachon, Dec. 26th, 1898.

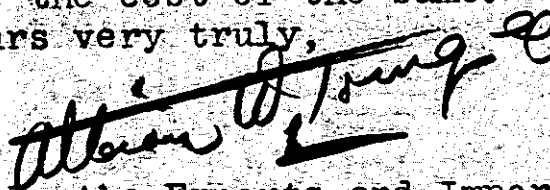
My dear Martinsen:

I enclose herewith the lease of the Villa Trocadero, ~~XXXXXX~~ and a paper left at the house to-day, and a statement concerning the same, which you will please translate. You can sign it with my name stamp.

I judge that our friend Breton has begun an action in the matter, and that this document from the avoue is equivalent to a summons. You will please make arrangements for contesting the same. I do not know what one has to do. Perhaps Bebin, or your avoue friend can tell you. Whatever is done, I want the answer to contain a correct translation of the statement which I enclose. I do not know but it is expected that I will go and call on this avoue. If so you will give him a copy of my statement and such farther information as he may wish. I don't care about fighting over a bath-room, but I am not accustomed to submitting to such treatment, nor are my countrymen, and no effort shall be lacking on my part to inform the American invalid what he may expect when he comes to France to spend his money and seek for health. There are two ends to every club, and if M. Breton, has hold of one, I am perfectly certain I have a grip on the other. The Americans are none too well disposed to France, already, and the publication of a few such experiences as I have had with the backing of my name, will make a sensible impression on the money expected to be derived from the influx of Americans in 1900.

Whatever is necessary to be done in the matter, please do and let me know what may be the cost of the same.

Yours very truly,



P.S. I wanted to know, not only the Exports and Imports from the U.S., but the entire export and import trade of Bordeaux for that year.

The draft I wished of the two lower floors of the Consulate, Voisin should have been able to make in an hour. I do not whether I shall live to see it or not, but my health is improving and I have now a fair prospect of living to be a hundred.

I enclose you a little joke, an old friend sent me which I think will cause you a smile, though it may be too subtle for the French mind.

Yours,

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The judge writes me to add that perhaps
this paper is just a bluff on Barton's
part. I so meet it by giving Porter a
copy of the sketch as well as the

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I am very sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your back. I hope it will get better soon. Please take good care of yourself and don't overexert.

Yours truly,
John Doe