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Dear Mrs. Towigée,

I have received your letter of January 31, concerning the chair from The Continent office.

My first impulse was to write you that I would have the chair crated and sent to you at once; but I find on reflection that there are some circumstances to be considered, and think that you would wish to consider them as well as I — and that you might then prefer that I should not return the chair, — at least on impulse, leaving you in ignorance of the matters I refer to. I am

most desirous of satisfying everyone in the matter, and there shall be no controversy.

Among others, I must satisfy Mrs Howard - to whom I gave the chair long ago, not dreaming that there was any impediment to my doing so. She has many associations with it and not long since spent considerable money on it.

I have no recollection whatever of the circumstances under which this chair came into my possession; but have no doubt they were such as you describe. I had long supposed it to be Continent property - and that I had so much at least to show

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for a summer's work helping
to keep the Continent together
until it could be saved or
sold. Later on, I purchased
at Receiver's sale all the unat-
tached property of the Continent
Publishing Co. — so that everything
the sheriff had not actually
laid hands on — furniture,
plates, copyrights, accounts,
everything I could find —
became legally mine. There-
for if, as you say at the
beginning of your letter, the
chair originally belonged to
the Continent, it thereafter be-
longed to me by right of pur-
chase, and I could give it
to my wife, as I did.

It

It seems to me that it is
only right, towards you, for me
to tell you this - together with
the fact that my wife is at-
tached to this particular piece
of furniture and would be
most reluctant to have me
take it from her in a simple
spirit of concession to another
lady. Therefore, I will await
further word from you
before deciding what to do
about it.

Faithfully Yours,
S. W. C. Howard

to previous request for
this chair has ever reached
me.