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Mr. J. H. Gwyn,

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My Dear Sir:-

Receipt is herewith acknowledged of your favor of the 4th.

The Mount Airy Furniture Co. has sent in check for \$102.73 which clears up the account to date as I understand it. Hope they will be able to get a new mill.

Referring to the tenant Stewart, would not be too strict with him, yet a nominal rent should be collected from him to keep up the evidence of tenancy.

I enclose you herewith certificate of the Mining Engineers showing that the specimens assayed silver, although on these particular specimens, not in a paying quantity. Just what action the Battershalls will take or what further tests or prospecting they will do at the present time, has not yet been indicated to me.

The express agent has written me a letter dated the 30th ult stating that you told him the package was not worth ten dollars. You stated to me in a letter that the first specimens were much better than the second. The time that I took to explain numerous times why the specimens were not received and could not be tested was worth more than ten dollars to me, in addition to which your time was taken in getting them. Having told them that the first specimens which were lost were the best, and the second tested silver, you can readily see that the Battershalls were much put out. They asked what value had been put upon the package and I told them \$10 and they thereupon instructed me to collect that amount. In my opinion it would simply be a fair claim for the Southern Express Co. to pay, in addition to which we will never have the opportunity to know what the first contained, and you stated that they were much better specimens.

To us the possibilities involved might be and really are worth a great deal more than ten dollars, while of course to the Express Co. the actual value is what they want to get at, which from their viewpoint they would naturally want to make as low as possible. On the other hand, the value to us is what should govern, because we are the losers, and after you had set a value of ten dollars on the package, it seems to me it would be only fair to collect. *it.* Of course it is a small matter in one way, outside of the possibilities these specimens may have shown up to us, but do you not think they should pay for their carelessness?

I judge from the letter, that you must have told the Agent this before you received my letter of the 26th advising you that the specimens had tested mineral. In view of the developments as represented by the enclosed certificate, which by the way is official, what do you now think of the matter?

I have replied to the letter of the Southern Express Co. as per the enclosed copy. If the agent is a particular friend of yours, of course it may embarrass you somewhat to take this matter up with him. However, when you have seen the certificate, it may make a difference in your views, and should be pleased to hear from you accordingly.

Yours very truly

Q. W. Schaffer

Enclosures
Crowell & Peck Cte. #1585
Letter to Ex. Co. Copy