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in the past few weeks, part of which have been filled with rather hysterical actions on my part. He is of course entitled to an explanation though I feel a bit slighted that he should even suspect me of any intent to defraud him. Such talk as a complete no bond or that he still intends to ignore the owner of the property seem to me just a bit silly on his part. If you need proof to convince him a letter to my attorney, Mr Ernest Lum of Lum Tambllyn and Fairlie will procure a long legal dissertation on just what I am up against. Mr Lum is a Past Master of Madison Lodge and Mr Grimm was originally associated with him. (BLAIR)

Mr Hamilton is anxious to arrange an agreement and continue at the point where I left off this Summer and naturally wants a very reasonable share of any possible recovery for his efforts. I feel that I accomplished considerable progress by purchasing the island, worth practically nothing as Real Estate, and in saving the Chappell shaft as well as digging my own and I think that I am in a position to be considered in a division of any possible recovery. I feel that Blair should relinquish a portion of his share in the agreement for the good of all concerned, for after all he cannot keep the Treasure Trove agreement forever and we have definitely established the fact that he cannot trespass without consent of the owner. Hamilton was interested in the affair before I took it over and had apparently corresponded with Blair for quite some time but with little or no success. Another consideration Blair demands is that he shall be directly responsible for all plans of work which is manifestly impossible from my own experience of the past two years.

Hamilton has negotiated with Ross of Sprague and Henwood and intends to lease their equipment on the island and to use Krupp as the foreman. He has sufficient capital to complete the drilling as I planned it and could obtain more if the situation warranted. He is a consulting engineer for a college in New York and, while not impressive, seems thoroughly reliable.

My only course of action is to turn the matter entirely over to you to negotiate with both Hamilton and Blair as you may see fit, protecting my interests as owner of the property as best you can, for I must confess that I do not feel that I shall be able to carry on anything further financed by myself. There are two things that should be born in mind in any agreement involving me. 1. All future responsibility for the safety and for the safe return of the S & H equipment as well as all insurance or possible return duty should be assumed by the party taking over the actual search. As I would be put to some expense to return it now, that point might be questioned but it must be remembered that I paid a considerable duty to get it there in the first place and that duty is non-returnable. 2. There is a certain deposit and salvage involved in my contract with the Chester power company which represents a certain cash equity to me at the present time. This cash equity should be ascertained and paid to me before any further use of the power equipment is made or power consumed. The details can of course be obtained from the Power Company and I have a dim recollection that you negotiated with them at the time. Another point is that suitable protection should be given me as owner, either by bond or otherwise against any, damage suits, liens, unpaid bills etc. I must of course assume the public liability as far as the general island is concerned and the worker as far as his work is involved.

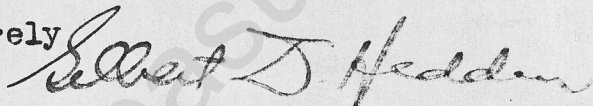
There is a certain amount of small equipment such as axes, tools etc that I will permit the use of rent free but an inventory should be made and agreed upon and maintained subject to natural wear and tear, and you must be recognized as my agent in any disputes or public action. The use of the wharf will be included if kept in good

condition but I will keep all of my nuts or heads  
see fit. Also the shaft must be maintained in as good condition  
as possible. I think that about covers it and I have not given  
any expression as to what my percentage should be. My only answer  
to that is that it will have to be whatever you can get. Mr Ham-  
ilton wants to return as soon as possible and I will have to leave  
it up to you as to how to approach Blair. I shall be at Chester or  
in Nova Scotia until about the 16th and will be available if you  
want me. I had a call from Grimm just before leaving, in fact just  
after talking to you, and learned that because of business conditions  
he could not come up. He seemed very disappointed and said he  
would wire you. I explained the Avon Ente rproses to Hamilton but  
did not discuss the agreement. I have not heard from them in any way  
and I am sure they should be no trouble anyway. As far as Nolan is  
concerned, judging from your reports it might be just as well to  
forget him completely.

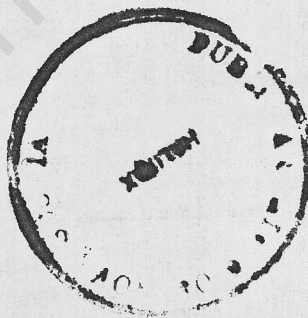
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Sorry to dump this in your lap at such a busy time but if  
Hamilton is anything at all or if we can convince Blair that he ~~xxx~~  
should make some sort of agreement, we will have to work fast and if  
it is worth anything at all it would seem a shame to miss it. Will  
call you Saturday and will hope to see you soon. My reason for not  
reaching Chester until Saturday is that I am visiting over night in  
Digby and I did not know that Hamilton was coming with me until late  
yesterday afternoon and it was too late to change my plans. Regards  
to yourself and the family.

Sincerely



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