

Runge v. Newton & Co.

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Vice-Prest Eagle Lake Property Owners' Assn.

91 North Pearl St. Albany, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Dodge:-

Since receiving from you a copy of deed to Newton & Perriss ~~from~~ Farmers Loan & Trust Co., I have been hard at work trying to induce these owners to restore the waters of Eagle Lake to their former level, and have besides been in correspondence with many property owners at the lake. It is now generally believed that Mr. Newton pulled out that crib for the purpose of monopolizing the waters of Eagle Lake and forcing other riparian owners to pay tribute to him by a purchase of said premises at his own figure. I believe you wrote to Luthy to that effect and that Mr. Newton made such a statement to you.

I have just been retained by Mr. Runge to institute suit against Newton and Perriss in ~~the~~ Supreme Court for a restoration of the former height of water at Eagle Lake. I shall at once apply for a temporary order compelling them to fix up the damaged structure, pending a suit brought by Mr. Runge for the benefit of all of us, the decision of which by the Supreme Court will take up the whole question and finally settle our rights for all time. Meanwhile, I hope to have the dam fixed, so as not to spoil our summer, and I am very sure that the court will so order, if I present the right affidavits with Mr. Runge's complaint, upon ~~all~~ ^{which} our temporary relief must be based.

scribble I am accordingly enclosing one for you to read, sign, ~~execute~~ before a notary ~~by~~ ^{and me} return mail, as I must make my application at once for the court order. Make any addition to same that you desire in writing and have no "initial" such change. Your affidavit, with Mr. Runge's, Al. Runge's as engineer, or architect's, and Farmers Loan and Trust Co. who are with us property owners in sympathy, will enable me properly to make my application for the temporary injunction to restrain the continuance of this injury.

Mr. Luthy has informed me that you ~~were~~ willing to advance

the sum of \$20, towards the expenses of this suit. I have agreed with Mr. Runge to prepare the complaint, and make the motion for the temporary injunction in Essex County and ~~such~~^{do} other work as may be necessary up to that time, for the sum of \$100. in advance. Mr. Runge has sent me \$25. towards this amount and Mr. Murthy suggests that I write and ask you to send the amount you were willing to contribute to this suit which I have now started for Mr. Runge. It is not particularly pleasant to drum up my fee from fellow members of the Association, but I cannot afford to take up this labor without some remuneration, as it will necessarily occupy much of my time ~~and~~ ^{and the rest} for several weeks.

Trusting that you will verify the affidavit at once and send same ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ to me, and with the hope, as suggested by you, that we may have a comfortable summer, which we surely will have, if we all work together now, and with best regards to all your family, I am

Faithfully yours

Peter S. Eliot.

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