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Ho-pei,
Tientsin, China
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Dear Mr. Church:

Your letter of May 19th in regard to sale of my property was, for some unusual and unaccountable reason, delayed nearly a month in reaching me and the only indication I had of a sale was a letter under date of May 30th in regard to terms of payment.

Now that I have all the facts before me I must say that I am considerably disappointed at the extent of the sacrifice and I do not feel that the sale of the entire property for \$30,050.00 was the best offer that was made.

I had received by cable the offer held of \$25,000.00 for 100 acres only exclusive of quarry. As no move of foreclosure had at that time been made and I hoped to get even a better offer, I cabled a demand for \$35,000.00. The cable messages were followed by letters from both sides.

Following shortly after this correspondence the foreclosure proceedings began and I received your cable that the best offer at Trustee sale was \$29,000.00 for all and requested cable reply. I made immediate answer "Accept best offer." In my reply I had in mind the previous offer of \$25,000.00 for the hundred acres only as, in the letter which Guy sent me on April 3 were these words, "Mrs. Byer is very anxious to locate as soon as possible and I do not know that I can hold her longer than May 10th."

Mrs. Byer's offer must then still have been in force when my message, "Accept best offer" reached you. Altho below what I had hoped for, \$25,000.00 for the hundred acres was a far better offer than \$30,050.00 for everything. The quarry and the other 14 acres are surely worth much more than \$5,050.00 at any time. I supposed that Mrs. Byer's offer would be taken and when I heard from you later that you were trying to get \$30,000.00 I thought you meant something better than Mrs. Byer's offer.

I do not know that anything can now be done in the matter, but I hope it is not too late to correct the error that evidently came about thru a misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the purport of my cable.

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