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My Dear Mr. Rust:-

Mr. Dudley, who is interested and as I understand the principal owner of the Fairfax Pink Granite Quarries, stopped the sale of the machinery to day at the Tripp Quarry by purchasing the Hoge judgment and having the same transferred to him. Mr. Allison will explain it to you when you see him.

In the course of our conversation Mr. Dudley stated that his company never assumed any obligations under the lease of the quarry by Mallon and others and the only promises he made was to pay the royalties as the stone was quarried and sold, consequently he does not consider himself obligated for the accrued rent under the terms of the contact made with Mallon and claims that in any event the equipment not belonging to Mallon is not liable for the rent. I think under the circumstances it would be well too either distraint the equipment for the balance of the rent due or get judgment so as to bring the matter to a focus in some way. I am unable to give you the amount of the rent due but think it would be well to place it at \$600 and in order to be on the safe side in taking legal steps to collect it perhaps it would be well to bring suit and get judgment before making a levy. That might be safer than a distress warrant. However, handle the matter as you think best. I am satisfied that some steps will have to be taken to hold the equipment otherwise it may be removed.

Very truly yours,
M. E. Church

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