

March 4, 1946.

Mr. James R. Cowan, President,
Georgia Marble Company,
TATE, GEORGIA,

Dear Mr. Cowan;-

I received your letter of some days ago requesting me to vacate the house in which I now live by dates mentioned in the letter.

What I have to say herein is not said in a spirit of bitterness nor antagonism, but I wish to offer some basis of fairness to both of us.

You will recall, at the time I was requested to resign, you stated to me it would be agreeable for me to keep the house so long as my mother lived. Later I said I would like to remain in Tate and asked if it would be all right for me to make a deal with Mr. Eaton for an interest in the store and when I had made such a deal, I went back to see you and asked if I could keep the house and you said "yes". There was nothing said at that time about a limit as to how long I could keep the house, but I naturally took your assent to mean so long as I remained in business here.

Another matter, of which I am not sure you have information, is that at the time Col. Tate's interest in the Georgia Marble Company was up for consideration with the view of buying by the parties who eventually did buy it, I was asked to cooperate with these parties in getting Col. Tate's creditors to go along with them and take stock in the Company for ~~ix~~ a certain portion of their claims against Col. Tate. I did everything I was asked to do and was successful in getting the creditors to sign the agreement presented to them -- that is the creditors I was asked to see. At the time I was working on this, I was informed, not directly, but in a way I felt was authentic, that if I would cooperate in this matter I could remain with the Company so long as I wanted to. I do not mention this with the intent of asking for reinstatement in the Company, for I do not wish any such consideration, but I do call attention to it, to show I have done everything I could since the inception of the idea of buying Col. Tate's interest to help those in control to accomplish their end. The only interest I have now is to be allowed to carry on as I am here in the store and make an honest effort to do what I can to make a living.

I do not think I am presumptuous, at least do not want to appear so, but I believe it is not asking too much of you to sell me to house and lot surrounding the house where I now live. I will give you \$7,000.00 cash for this property. This would enable you to build a new house of much better design and no doubt better adapted to the needs of anyone you might wish to let have the house in which I now live. I believe you have considerable lumber which could be used for construction of a house and also have available labor for the construction. I make this suggestion from observation and not in a facetious spirit.

Since I left the Company in 1944, I have tried to cooperate with you and others in the organization by giving any information you asked for. I have not in any way attempted to interfere with the men nor the operations and have been trying to refrain from saying or doing anything that could be even by the most biased construed as meddling.

I hope you will receive this letter in the spirit in which it is written and will permit me to buy the house and remain in Tate and endeavor to make an honest living.

Very truly yours,

H. L. Litchfield.

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