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Letter from Emil Petersen to John Muir, 1904 Sep 19

Emil Petersen

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Memorandum.

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To

John Muir Esq
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From

J. EMIL PETERSEN.

Dear Sir.

Valencia, Cal., September 19th 1904

Mr. George. called on me a couple of weeks ago to find out when I could send you some interest and also regarding insurance. I told him the insurance was kept up, and that I would see you soon or write to you regarding the other. I would have preferred to see you personally but as we can not very well com up, I will try to aquant you with my circumstances by mail. We find that it will not be possible to pay any interest before next May when my Stock in the Building and Loan will mature when I will be able to start paying you, not only on the interest but principal as well, I will then have two houses clear that I now have to pay \$25⁰⁰ pr month on. The last 3 years has been very hard on us, you are likely aware of the fact that I have been six times in the hospital, last time about 6 weeks ago, and ^{you} may have an idea of what that means. I was compelled just before that happened to buy the saloon next to me and make it into a dwelling or move out myself, I paid well for it and spend more money to fix it up, since the close of the Refinery it has prapticably been empty as well as one of the other houses, that itself means a good deal to us. You and

To

From

J. EMIL PETERSEN.

Valona, Cal.,

Mrs Muir has been very kind to us and patient, and no one appreciates it any more than we, we really do hardly feel like asking yet we hope you will bear with us a little longer, If I can keep well now and I have good reason to believe & sincerely hope that I will, I will yet have a chance to redeem our little home, should it turn out otherwise of course we may then have to loose it, it would be hard of course but we would have to make the best of it. Should an other operation be found neseesary I know it will be a severe one, and expensive one but the last without any doubt the doctor assures me. I do not know that anything else can be said, I would like to hear from you and have a statement. Rest assured that we do not want to loose our home and will do our best but you understand we have been fighting against great odds. Mrs Petersen sends her love to Mrs Muir and daughter and with best wishes and sincere thanks for your kindness I remain

very respectfully

