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Dear Father Landell

It is four years ago today since I was married. When I look at my wife and boy I feel it necessary in justice to them to ask you what you propose to do about the \$4000 which you owe, less \$383⁸⁵ which you sent in July, 1905. If it were for myself alone I would let it pass as another forgotten debt.

As to the debt there is no manner of doubt. Not once, but repeatedly, and often with considerable asperity and irritation your attention was called to the fact that I was a pauper and could not take the time from pushing my business unless I got paid by you for the time thus used. And not once, but repeatedly, you promised to send \$4000 upon your return to Brazil. Furthermore you can not fail to recall these frequent agreements to pay, on your part. I asked,

2) and expected no share in your patents although with customary suspicion you caused me to write this statement down and to sign it Had I been equally suspicious of you would have had you also sign an agreement to pay the \$4000 but I had faith in you and your intentions. Indeed never imagined the possibility of your writing such a card as the last received for you about paying my obligation to Mary Berron.

How about your obligation, are you exempt?

The small sums of money advanced for your patents I obtained on jewelry at a pawn shop paying the legal rate of 30 % Yearly You were always told that I had no money hence There is no excuse and your action is the more selfish and heartless because you knew my poverty

You were also told upon your return from Cuba that a small sum of money was needed to save a patent that had I used

3) that small sum for myself, instead of paying towards the patent, that a coffee firm who at that time showed a friendly interest in me would have taken that money as a margin & bought 1000 bags of coffee for me only asking some trifling money as an evidence of attention.

And that the profit on the advance in price of the 1000 bags was over \$3000 more of which I never got because the money went to you & your patent instead of for my own affairs.

If you have not the money and have not had the money at least in common decency you could have written and so stated. Instead writing a ridiculous card to me about paying my obligation to Mary Berron who was not asking for money. If you are so free with money to pay my obligation why not pay your own to me?

Defrauding laborers of their wages is a contemptible act and I never dreamed in the even remote possibility of your denying

4) this debt until this card
about paying my obligation
was received by me. It really
seems impossible to believe as too
vindictively selfish Justice,
not alms; wages due for time taken,
not gifts, is my position.

Again, I ask what do you
propose to do about the \$4000
due me? The Exact sum would
be: - \$4000
less 383.85 received July 1905

~~\$3616.15 now remaining~~
due to me from you —
magna est veritas

Yours Truly

Daniel B. Tamagno