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Pattison & Co. [copied by Marie Steele] to Sam Steele

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To Messrs Lighthall & Hammond
Solicitors

London 22nd Aug. 1907

Dear Sir.

Re: Playfair Mansions

We duly received your letter of the 18th *[illegible]* with much respect to our claim for Dilapidations against your client, Col. Steele and have to inform you that several of the remarks made therein are quite incorrect.

In the first place, an Inventory of the contents of the Flat was prepared prepared Col. Steele took possession & this was properly & duly checked by our clerk on the date he entered into occupation & our claim is based entirely on this Inventory. It is useless for us to go into details regarding each item you mention, but we have a full & satisfactory explanation for each of same.

We also hold your client's letter dated the 16th July written to Mr. Therbald, in which he states that as soon as our account is

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received it will be paid in full. Under these circumstances, we regret we are unable to agree to the suggestions contained in the last paragraph of your letter. In order, however to settle the matter, we have seen Mr. Therbald & are now instructed to inform you without prejudice that provided we receive a remittance of £4 by return mail, we can accept this amount in full settlement of all claims against your Client,

We are yours faithfully

(signed) Pattison & Co.

[Additional note by Marie to Sam]

The original amount was £5.19.3. evidently they deducted the /19 for chair & took £1.1 off something else, housecleaning, I suppose. I wish I could

have seen the lady in question, who can lie so well, before we left London, but she took good care to keep out of the way.

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Re “details regarding each item you mention,” they have a full & satisfactory explanation by finding most of the articles in the flat, I fancy, as I know they were there when we left. Tenant, I find need to protect themselves & I have learnt a thing or two, I tell you, since I left here for S.A. five years ago.

M.

Did you ever posses a copy of the Inventory? Mother had the one re house linen & bed linen, a list left in the cupboard, that is all.

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