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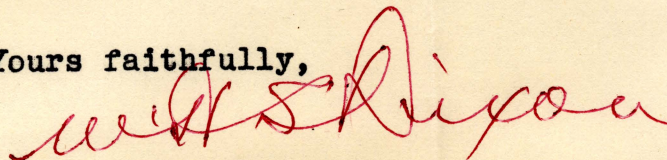
J.F.C.F. Vance, Esq.,  
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Dear Mr. Vance:

Re: Estate of Holt.

I have pleasure in reporting to you that we are getting some where with this estate. I received an air letter from Mr. Bradshaw this morning, one of the Executors of John Holt Estate, and I enclose a copy of it herewith. It is self-explanatory and we shall await with interest receipt of a remittance. We can then go into the question of getting all of the debtors to agree to a reduction of their claims.

Yours faithfully,



W. H. S. Dixon.

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C O P Y

Mr. Dixon:

I am sorry that there seems to you and your client to be irritation at which you feel are delays on this side and I will try and explain the apparent delays to you.

Mr. J. L. Watson (Geo. E. Mellor & Co.) was up to 30/6/58 acting as solicitor for the estate of John Holt and of his daughter, Mary E. Holt. Mary E. Holt died 6/12/57, but we did not know this officially until April, 1958. Mrs. E. E. Watson (sister-in-law of J.L. Watson) and myself were trustees for my grandfather, John Holt's will, together with a cousin, Mr. John E. Holt. The latter trustee was altogether out of step with everybody as he maintained his grandfather should not have made the will he did. His contention was that all nephews and nieces should have equal shares. Mrs. Watson and myself said we had no choice but to see the will administered as it was made out, i.e., the six children to share equally. After April I pressed a J. L. Watson to make a move to close the J. Holt will, but he said he could not do so until the will of Mary E. Holt was cleared. With this argument I entirely disagreed with and after exchanges J.L. Watson threw in his hand for both estate in his letter 30 June 1958, but indirectly named me as a possible administrator. We trustees were asked at the same time to take over John Holt's papers. I maintained and Mrs. Watson agreed it would be useless doing so if we added a stupid trustee to the papers so we took steps to bring him to his senses or to the Chancery Court whichever he preferred. It took until August 4 to get him to sign papers and to agree that the whole administration be left to me to take necessary steps to close the estate. The papers and securities we took over had never been adjusted since the death of Miss M.E. Holt. Her bank had never been informed of her death. I found the amount of £35 which J.L. Watson for convenience had placed in her account, but which belonged to the John Holt estate and I got a clear explanation from the bank manager to my questions. This was the then undisclosed reason why the matter must await M.E. Holt will settlement. I therefore agreed to advance this money to the John Holt estate which would enable a final settlement to be made. Again with one copy of the will the endorsement of all securities had to be done, one at a time, and this was not completed until last week when I was able to draw up a balance sheet and make out all the necessary cheques. Unfortunately I am a businessman with something else to do so all must consider it fortunate that the matter has been dealt with so promptly. You will therefore see that you are entirely wrong in the assumption you were in the second paragraph of your letter. As soon as I have sent the cheques out on Sept. 30 this will close this matter. I have been asked by the beneficiaries in Mary E. Holt's will to please help and clear up that estate and I have agreed to do so. Can you tell me the position from Canadian Law if M.E.H. a British subject domiciled in Canada, with all her assets or estate in England, as well as all next of kin. The will she made in Canada about 1949 was witnessed by two persons but who gave no addresses as the law over here requires they do. I contend the will may have to be firstly proved over in Vancouver, and possibly legally attached addresses and then for the will and application made for probate here. We have no knowledge of any ~~previous~~ previous will Miss Holt made so we intend to apply for probate as her last will. If you can write me on this point I shall be obliged. Hoping the above fully explains the delays and misunderstandings.

Yours sincerely,

Mailed:  
23rd Sept. 1958.

"J. F. Bradshaw"

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 16th Sept. has been sent on to me as I am on holiday.

Your client seems to be worrying you unduly. Before I left home I had completed everything to enable the John Holt estate to be finalized. I have through my bank made application to the Bank of England for a payment of £206-12-0 to be made through the bank's agent less their usual charges. Until then your client must be patient.

Yours truly,

"J.F. Bradshaw"