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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

January 4, 1926.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Attorney at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California

My dear Arch:

I received this morning your very interesting letter recounting the two propositions that recently have been made to you. You ask me for my views concerning them, and while those views are neither of importance nor of value, I am very glad to give them to you.

First, to enter into a partnership with George Bowles does not at all appeal to me. This I say, without an intimate knowledge of the young man, but because of the opinion I have conceived of him from the statements that you, and Martha, and others, have made to me. Such a connection you could infinitely better judge than I could, and if it were contemplated at all, the first consideration should be, whether or not, you would be happy in it. Partnerships, unless particularly alluring, do not commend themselves to me.

The second proposition you suggest of becoming a member of a going, profitable concern, seems much more attractive, provided the business itself has a charm greater than the practice of your profession. It is silly for me to advise you in these matters, because of my utter ignorance of the stock-broking business. I have seen the development of this activity from an occupation almost be-

yond the pale when I was a youth, into a very great and recognized profession. I never bought a share of stock in my life, and I never walked through a stockbroker's office and looked at a blackboard, but what I have the same feeling I used to have when I was a boy, when I sneaked into the crowded room where the Keno players were anxiously watching the drawings and keeping tab upon their cards. I always have a sort of feeling that I am somewhere where I ought not to be, and a part of some enterprise my presence in which I would rather conceal. I know this is all old-fogeyish, and that in our modern world, it is perfectly absurd; and I would not, therefore, have that kind of thought influence you in the slightest degree. After all, my dear Arch, the question becomes one of where you will be the happier and most prosperous. If within a few years a fortune would be yours, so that you could retire, if there's a certainty about the business that removes entirely the gambling hazards, if it would not permeate your spirit, so that your whole world would be circumscribed by the tickering and quotations, then, seriously, you ought to consider the matter, and all these things being so, you could with grace launch yourself upon a new career,—but you are the one to decide this. With my years, and my inexperience in this sort of thing, with my utter lack of knowledge of it, I would be worse than a poor adviser.

I could not help but observe the upward flurry in the market during the latter days of the year. I am wondering whether this did not transmute the unhealthy account to which you refer into a very healthy one. Let me know how you come out. This sort of feverish prosperity I believe will continue for a brief period, but

I am thoroughly convinced that such things ebb and flow, and that probably before another year has passed, a reaction will set in, and in the meantime I pray for your prosperity.

Our old car is gone. I am warned that it is dangerous to run it. Your Mother is looking about for another car. I think she will become reconciled to getting a cheaper one. Indeed, I am unable to purchase any other, and in order to get even a cheap car, I shall have to draw upon the very slender store that I have.

We had pleasant holidays which I am sorry are over. Today, we begin our hectic life in the senate, and from now on, we'll move with rapidity from one thing to another with fevered activity.

Mother joins in love to Martha and yourself.

Affectionately,

Dad

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January 7, 1926.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorney at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California

My dear Jack:

I forgot to acknowledge receipt of my Sacramento Bank Book with the checks that you so quickly forwarded to me. Thank you very much for this. I am utilizing this sum to get a new car here. I think that Mother has become reconciled to getting a cheap machine, and of this I am very glad for obvious reasons. What we'll get I don't know yet. The unfortunate thing about town cars is that they cost just about twice as much as an ordinary car, and there are very few of them except of very high class variety, which are beyond me. Last night our old Cadillac broke down. I rather imagine it stripped the gears, which was something we had been warned against by the automobile repair man at Riverdale. Today, I drove in in the little Dodge. It is just as convenient and really better fun for me, but exceedingly inconvenient for Mother.

There is little new here. The holidays we enjoyed because they gave me a respite from pretty active attention to a single matter, the Colorado River project, that returns now and is plaguing me. We have reached an impasse because of opposition of the states designated the upper-basin states, and if this impasse continues, it will be utterly impossible to obtain legis-

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lation at this session. The World Court ^{fight} has fizzled. It has
fizzled because the leadership of the opposition to entry into
the Court, Senator Borah, has been endeavoring to "run with the
hare and hunt with the hounds". He is for the Court, but he
would change the reservations presented. He transmuted this
contest, therefore, into a battle over reservations and de-
stroyed the morale of what little opposition there was. Since
the result is inevitable, and since it comes about through
the strange combination of circumstances which I could not in
any event prevent, I am accepting it philosophically and not
permitting myself to get unduly excited.

Mother had a note from Hiram the other day. What a
wonderful boy he is! We had notes from both boys after
Christmas and they were mighty fine.

Mother joins in love to both of them and to you.

Affectionately,

Dad.

I gather from the I. J. papers that
Mayor Roeph will not reappoint Bill.
I'm sorry for this. I think Bill will
realize after quitting that the position was
really of value to him.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

January 16, 1926

My dear Boys:

Everybody here has the grippe and pneumonia is epidemic in Washington. Our chauffeur says he is sick and I am half a jump ahead of the bed.

I am sending you this brief note merely that you may have a word from me this week, and not as a real letter at all.

The sham battle over the world court continues in the senate. Mr. Borah, who speaks for the administration in many things, and those who speak for the administration in one thing, the world court, have been tapping one another on the wrist and pretending to debate our foreign policy.

When the pantomime is concluded, the world court will be adopted, and Borah will be acclaimed as having made a wonderful fight, when the fact is, he has made no fight at all.

I had McCamant beaten very much to my surprise at the close of the executive session last Tuesday. The occasion was one where I got started on the right foot and quite out-^{did} myself. After three hours the representatives of the administration found the only way in which they would prevent defeat was to refer the matter again to the judiciary committee, and by a vote of 43 to 33, against my protest, this was done. In the time now afforded them, those in power will whip into line the recalcitrant senators, and undoubtedly,

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ultimately McCamant will be confirmed.

The biggest thing that has occurred here however is the administration's approval of our boulder dam project. I will write you about this hereafter. It is really a metamorphosis in ~~his~~ policy and may enable me to pass this great bill.

With my love to all,

Affectionately,

Dad

P:S: I wrote you about the ship for Lowrey. They telephoned yesterday that the boy was coming back here, so, unless you have already made your inquiry, don't bother about it. I don't know why the Renners have not paid their rent, although I judge from something Harriet has written, Mrs. Renner was relying upon some check which she claims came back here to us. It was very unfortunate about their mail, and I can't understand how it occurred. Certainly I did not do it.

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United States Senate

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January 23, 1926.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
and
Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Boys:

We were dreadfully shocked with the news of the death of Mr. Bowles. We knew that he was ill, but that he was near death, we did not for an instant suppose, and then, death is so terrible, that it always comes with a shock. At the same time that we received the news of his death, I had a letter from my father, which indicates any day may see his demise. The week, therefore, has been a depressing one.

Mother and I are extremely sorry for Mrs. Bowles. She certainly has had her fill of misfortune, and I can't imagine that her position in the future will be any too happy. How regrettable it is that life at its end cannot be tranquil!

I had a touch of the grippe at the end of the last week, and stayed home Saturday, and in bed Sunday and the greater part of Monday. On Tuesday I came in and talked upon the World Court. I did not attempt to write out any speech, and for that reason, did probably better than otherwise I would have done. Apparently, the speech was pleasing to those who listened to it, and that was really a capacity audience of the senate. As I have written you heretofore, however, the contest is fore-ordained. The press is so subservient to Mr. Coolidge and the

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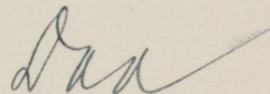
international bankers, a real fight has not been made, and the leader of the fight, selected by the press, Mr. Borah, has insisted simply upon a different kind of reservations from those presented by the advocates of the Court. My purpose was, as I think I have told you before, to put myself in the record in opposition, just as I put myself in opposition when the matter was first mentioned, ^{and} everywhere I spoke throughout the country.

We have not yet got a car. I don't know when we'll get one. Mother has looked at various makes, but I think she is not particularly satisfied with any of them. The best car that she has examined really is a Lincoln, which has gone about 13,000 miles, and for which they want \$4,000. We deem this too much to pay for a second-hand car.

There is an epidemic of pneumonia and flu here, and I observe that you have had a similar plague in San Francisco. I do hope that you two keep well, and that your families are all. I am expecting with the mail Monday that we'll learn some of the details of Mr. Bowles's death, none of which we know at present.

With all my love,

Affectionately,



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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

January 30, 1926.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
and
Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Attorneys at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Boys:

I have had another hectic week, first, with the World Court, and yesterday, the McCamant confirmation. I am hoping to get behind me all the old matters, and then begin upon the new pending questions.

In the World Court matter, just after seven o'clock Wednesday evening, and immediately before the final vote, I spent ten minutes talking to my colleagues. I had no conception of the dramatic possibilities of the situation when I arose, but I was so full of feeling in the matter, that in the little I said, I expressed myself in such fashion that the particular ten minutes were the tensest moments of the entire World Court debate. The result was exactly as I told you it would be. It was, as I said originally, fore-ordained, and it was confirmed by the attitude of the supposed leader of the opponents, Mr. Borah.

The McCamant matter has degenerated into just a disagreeable political ruction. For a moment I kept it on the high plane of an ethical proposition, and the Senate, under the influence of the presentation, so regarded it, and if I could have had a vote

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at the particular time McCamant would have been rejected. Now, the entire power of the Administration, with every hard-boiled politician on both sides of the Chamber, is behind McCamant, and my ethical proposition is entirely forgotten. Nevertheless, yesterday, McCamant appeared to poor advantage, and I had the satisfaction, at least, of showing him up before the Senate Judiciary Committee. I am glad the thing is over, because the personal aspect of it was very disagreeable to me. It will come up before the Senate now on a report of the Committee, and that will be the end of it. The President has no more conception of the appointment of judges than the lousiest of ward healers. Indeed, he is wholly politically minded, that is, every matter of appointments, every question of policy, are decided wholly by the politics of the situation.

Your Mother and I continue to talk about Mr. Bowles's death. The shock has not by any means passed. All we know about it was the six-word wire from Arch the day of the death, and we had Jack's letter then day before yesterday. Beyond this, we have heard absolutely nothing.

We are without a chauffeur, and we are still using the old car, having it tinkered with whenever it stops. Mother can not make up her mind concerning the car, so we are going along from day to day, while I pray that there may be no accident with the broken-down old boat that we are using.

*I noticed a Packard six yesterday, price \$3180., a
Chauffeur driven car (nearly all of them now are sedans) and
I thought it ample for us.*

The last couple of days have been intensely cold here, and it is asserted that another cold wave is soon about to reach us. There was a time in my life when cold weather had no effect on me, and I preferred it infinitely to the other extreme. I am sorry I have to confess that I can no longer stand it.

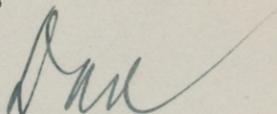
These have been tremendously busy days. They have been depressing days, too. I think I can stand defeat as well as the ordinary individual, but when I see men about me, who admit, as some of my colleagues have said to me, that I am entirely right, and yet, will risk their country's future by voting as they concede to be wrong, it is very difficult to retain my optimism and be at all philosophical. I had the experience after the speech I made on the World Court, of having two hard-boiled Republican senators, who are for the measure, tell me, with very great emotion, how they approved of everything I said, and how they longed to do as I was doing, but did not dare. This is a terrible thing in a Republic. I had the experience, too, of having the distinguished Vice-president praise in unmeasured terms to me the speech I made, and say personal things that were very, very gratifying. Indeed, he went so far as to ask me the other day if I was going to speak again, because if I were, he wished Mrs. Dawes to be present. It was rather interesting to me because in our political views, we are as far apart as the poles, and I have not

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been slow to criticise publicly Dawes's attitude.

With all my love,

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. M. Johnson", written in dark ink.

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FOR ME TO COME EARLIEST TIME COULD REACH SACRAMENTO WOULD BE
SATURDAY AFTERNOON I WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF ONE OR BOTH OF
YOU WOULD ATTEND FUNERAL FOR ME AS WELL AS FOR YOURSELVES I NEED
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HIRAM W. JOHNSON

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February 4, 1926

Miram W. Johnson Papers
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Major Archibald M Johnson
Brownlee Apartments,
1055 California Street,
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

Time has passed so quickly that we cannot realize our youngest has now become quite an old man He will always be to us the dear sweet loving youngster of the years long ago STOP Best wishes and congratulations on the day STOP Our hearts are with you and our love will be about you in your celebrations STOP How we long to be with you All our love to you dear son

MOTHER AND DAD

DAY LETTER

PERSONAL

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2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

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7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

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B. Day Letters shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permissible.

C. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understand-

ing and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

In Senate, Sunday Feb. 5, 1926.

My dear Jack:

This morning I have your telegram telling me of the funeral of Father yesterday. I'm so glad you attended. I'm full of regrets that I could not. Of course it was quite impossible, but for a brief time I seriously considered coming out. Of course I knew his demise might come at any moment, but coming suddenly as it did to me it was none the less a shock. For three days I've remained away from the Senate, only returning today when imperatively required. The thoughts that have filled my mind have been those of my childhood, of the little tragedies of that period, of my mother, of the large family with little but with a contentment and happiness they lost as they acquired more. No matter how death comes (you remember the lines of Marco Bozaris) it is terrible, and perhaps more terrible in old age.

There's nothing really to write you of. The week has been most depressing. Tomorrow

I will try to write you as usual. I wished
today merely to thank you for your kindness
and your considerate attention.

Love to the Kiddies. Much to yourself.

Affectionately

Dad.

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Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorney at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California

So tired Impossible to write Have been on duty night and day
for nearly three weeks Do not mention to him as I love to care
for him Out today Progressing slowly Thank children for
valentines Love to you and the boys

MRS MOTHER

DAY LETTER

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
INCORPORATED
NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. Day Letters shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permissible.

C. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understand-

ing and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

B. Night Letters shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permissible.

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