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Mr/ Peter Flint,  
55 East 21st St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Flint:-

Your letter of Apr 25th duly to hand and, as I transmitted same to Mr Hurd to be read, I had to delay answering until it was returned to me.

In reply, I want to assure you that I have had no advice, stimulated by the other side in their efforts to "stave off" immediate action for our relief, as you seem to think.

Furthermore, until I took up the matter in person with you under date April 22d, I have encouraged, aided and assisted, officially in re- Eagle Lake Dam, and becomingly as Secty-Treas. of our Association.

Only in order to pursue the matter, then personally did I write you, as I did, on April 22d, in which arrangement Mr Hurd was willing to join me, on lines as written you/ I regret that you could not see your way clear to proceed as you advised, especially after our offer to guarantee.

As the matter now stands I know of nothing further to suggest.

The main reason why Mr Hurd and I felt that we ought not to be personally identified in the legal proceeding was that we, as non-residents, would not have the standing in a New York Court which a resident of the State would have.

In view of the fact that the great majority of the property-owners are residents of N.Y. State and as Mr Hurd and I agreed to guarantee your fee of \$100.00 I believed you could get the affidavits and compel plaintiffs from among the resident owners. Among the following State resident owners of land you ought easily get the requisite number for entering a suit in abatement viz: The Farmers Loan & Trust Co., Trustees for the Harris Estate, Eagle Lake Improvement Co., (both among the largest land owners)? Houghtaling, The Moore's, Kunge, Lodge, Alden, Misses Cowan & Richmond, Freeman C/ Pond and yourself.

I am reasonably certain that the rest of us, the minority, viz:- Hurd, FitzGerald, Mrs. Schmidlapp, myself and perhaps, Conklin-- all non-resident owners-- would approve your action.

Very truly yours  
Edmund C. Luthy.