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Dear Sulley:

Yours of 12/1/13 with copy of your letter to the
Judge of 11/29/13, received yesterday. Have read both with
great interest & before receiving same had written to
Conservation Commission at Albany referring to writ-
ting Mr. McKim & am late & his recommendations &
instructions & also that we had submitted blue prints
promptly & had taken preliminary steps & engaged a
contractor for the work that you had corresponded
with Mr. McKim had started work of collecting
funds for said structure; that word now coming
that a recent purchase of the deserted farm from the
Isaac Harris estate has demolished the dam &
allowed water to drop 3 1/2 feet below low water
mark leaving our boat houses piers & other riparian
structures high & dry causing several thousand
dollars actual damage to same.

That I was requested by our town to report this
outrageous act & ask for advice before taking any
further steps against the owner who is a lumber
man having no interest in our summer colony. The
land he owns being sparsely grown with poplar &
other saplings most of the former having been first
cut for pulpwood. That the owner has clearly defied
the Dept's directions to us that we erect a new low
dike dam with sufficient spill way to keep water
at uniform height & protect State's boat from being
swept through present narrow cutlet for the health

up to the lake. I saw him in the evening after he got back.
He thought that the water had been drawn down about fifteen
inches, but suggested that it might go down still further; that

I suspect of our colony numbering about 300

That this should be a case for the Attorney General to take up in the States interest as these waters are stocked with trout & bass. Said uniform height being essential for the growth of food supply by the growing fish & that said out will cause a part of Mosquitoes & some malaria. Some for my letter!

I shall await my answer from Com. & then write Mr. Lodge, if necessary I will go to Albany one day by boat & back for about \$3.50 with stationary spending the day in Albany (Manhattan Line) and take up ~~with~~ with paper parties.

After decisions come from Com. we can take other steps necessary.

You will note that Mr. Wickes now occupies two positions one, as principal stockholder in Alex. E. L. Imp. Co. the grantor of lots to several cottage owners like Hurd, Rumpf & myself, under a full covenant warranty deeds of quiet enjoyment & of our property, and second, as one of us, as regards the lots not yet sold by the Company.

For this reason he is naturally anxious for us to take the aggressive steps & requests please to get the views of us property owners. Laurson, Hoon, Hote & E. L. Imp Co are all in one position as regards purchasers from them, having granted lands at height of the old dam & they are the first ones to insist on former height of water from Harris Estate & his grantee Newlon.

Of course, we can all write in descending that the dam be at once erected or that Newlon at said estate to old dam which will

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greatly reduce the expense of building the new dam.

I have very freely given you my ideas as one looking on the matter from a disinterested position, the only safe one to assume in a case like this - when looking into the merits of the case.

Put regards to all from us

Yours faithfully
Peter Flint