



THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

SHELDON F. WICKES

Ticonderoga, N.Y.,
August 29, 1941.

Mr. Edmund O. Luthy,
Eagle Lake,
Chilson,
New York.

Dear Mr. Luthy:

For the past two years I have been hearing various stories about my attitude in respect to the proposed dam at the foot of Eagle Lake. Many of the people who have reported these stories, quote you as being the person who told them about it.

The substance of these stories which are reported to have come from your lips, is that I am opposing and blocking the installation of the proposed dam at the foot of Eagle Lake. You know full well that this is not the fact: I did refuse to sign an alleged instrument, to which you referred as a "release", which did not legally release the State of New York. I also told you that I would sign no such instrument until plans and specifications had been drawn for the dam, so that I would know definitely that the spillway was to be long enough so that there would be no floods in the Spring which would flood the cellar of my camp.

I advised you that the only thing to do was to commence again at the beginning - obtain plans and specifications for the dam and incorporate them in a binding and legal release to be signed and properly acknowledged by each and every property owner on the Lake. You deliberately chose to ignore this advice and to continue obtaining additional signatures to the old alleged release. Even after I told you I would never sign that release, you went to my sister and secured her signature by means of misrepresentation; namely, you told her that I was going to sign it. It is further reported to me that you obtained one or two other signatures in the same way. *What?*

I am further informed that you have made the statement that you are going to force me, through the pressure of public opinion, to sign the old alleged release. Apparently you are not a keen enough judge of human nature to know that I do not force easily.

If I hear any more reports emanating from you to the effect that I am blocking and opposing the building of the dam at the foot of Eagle Lake, I shall give our correspondence to the newspapers or take what-

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Mr. Edmund O. Luthy:

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ever steps I feel are justified.

As I have told you and written you, I am, and at all times have been, willing to co-operate in the movement to obtain this dam, providing I am assured that it will be so constructed that it will not flood my cellar and ruin my camp.

Yours very truly,


Sheldon F. Wickes.

SFW:VGC