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Correspondence on a Matter of Workman's Compensation

Russell Gray

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Immediate Notice to be given with full details as below.

Name of Co. Morgan Cott. Co.


We hereby notify you that the person described in the margin, being at that time employed by us, in our works at

in the capacity of

was injured on Tuesday July 31, 1900, at 2:10 o'clock, M.

Cause and manner of the injury were as follows,

The laborers were taking casting from the foundry as is the custom each evening. Prior to this occurrence was taking a five hundred pound casting from the foundry on a four-wheeled truck. He was falling of the handle, walking backward, his foot caught in the crane, and the truck the handle of the truck striking him in the abdomen.

Nature and extent of injury, give physician's report, if any.

Physician at the Hospital reported at 10 o'clock that as near as he could tell the patient was seriously injured.

Was the injury due to any negligence or fault, and (if so) whose and what?

Any supposed defect in machinery or works, and (if so) what?

Steps taken for immediate relief, Out to Hospital.

Has the injured person to your knowledge any accident or benefit insurance?

Notice made out by

Position with employer

(Over)
American Mutual Liability Insurance Company,

40 Water St.,

Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We enclose herewith notification of injury received at our Factory by William Dixon this morning. Since writing this report, we have learned from the hospital that the injured man is gradually growing weaker and is not likely to recover. In case you require any further information regarding the accident, kindly inform us at once.

Yours very truly,

MORGAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Enclosure notice.

A. R. T. - L. S.
Morgan Construction Co.,

Foundry Department,


Dear Sirs:

Your favor of July 31st is at hand, with notice of injury on that day to William Dixon, which we now learn from you by telephone proved fatal on the same night. We have authorized you to contribute not more than fifty dollars ($50) to funeral expenses if you think proper to do so. If you are asked to do anything more, let us know and we will advise you. This unfortunate accident seems to have been in no way your fault.

Yours truly,

Russell Gray, Manager.
August 1st, 1900.

American Mutual Liability Insurance Co.,

#40 Water St.,

Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone conversation of this morning with your Mr. Russell Gray, we hereby notify you of the death on the 31st ult. of William Dixon, who was injured at our foundry department in the morning of the same day. We understood you to say that you would authorize an expenditure not exceeding $50.00, towards funeral expenses and other matters requiring immediate attention in connection with this case.

Yours very truly,

MORGAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

A. R. T. - L. S.
Morgan Construction Co.,


Dear Sirs:-

Your favour of August 1st is at hand, reporting the death of Dixon, already announced by telephone. We have at present nothing to add to our letter of yesterday, but will give prompt attention on being notified of any developments.

Yours truly,

S. A. Williams, Secy.
Aug. 6, 1900.

American Mut. Liability Ins. Co.,

Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:—

Referring to the case of William Dixon who was fatally injured at our foundry department July 31st. we beg to inform you that Mrs. Dixon has secured the services of Thos. C. Carrigan, lawyer, with office at 314 Main St., Worcester, Mass. We have had no communication from him, but merely understand that Mrs. Dixon has been to him regarding the case of her husband.

Yours very truly,

A.R.T.—N.

MORGAN CONSTRUCTION CO.
August 9, 1906.

American Mut. Liability Ins. Co.,

Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Your favor of the 7th inst. regarding the matter of death of William Dixon also in regard to our consulting Counsel is received.

We understand from your favor that you wish us to leave this matter in the hands of Messrs. Hopkins, Smith & Hopkins to act for you as your Counsel to take care of the case, and we will accordingly leave the matter with them as requested by you.

Yours very truly,

A.R.T.——N.

MORGAN CONSTRUCTION CO.
Morgan Construction Company,  

Dear Sirs:-  

Your favour of August 6th is at hand, reporting that the widow of William Dixon has gone to a lawyer which is no more than we expected. We recommend you to do the same. If you have any counsel in Worcester who enjoys your special confidence, you might retain him; if not, we advise you to go to Messrs. Hopkins, Smith & Hopkins who were our regular counsel in Worcester so long as Mr. W. S. B. Hopkins lived, and though his death was a great loss to his firm and his clients, we think that his partner and successor, Mr. Smith, can handle a case of this sort well. Ask him to investigate the matter fully, take the statements of witnesses, and report his conclusions to us. If any papers are served on you, turn them over to him, at the same time notifying us.

Yours truly,  

Russell Gray
American Mut. Liability Ins. Co.,

Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

At the time of the inquest on the death of Thos. J. Dixon who was killed at our foundry July 31st of this year, there seemed to be no one taking stenographic report of the testimony, and believing that to be desirable for use of your attorney’s, we had the testimony taken down and transcribed. We have sent a copy of this testimony to your local attorney’s, Messrs. Hopkins, Smith & Hopkins and now enclose to you a bill for $9.00 covering this work.

Yours very truly,

P.B.M.—N.

1 Enc. Bill.
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.

Morgan Construction Co.,

Dear Sirs:—

We have your favour of the 14th inst. enclosing bill of Edna I. Tyler for stenographic report of testimony given at the inquest on the death of William Dixon, injured July 31st, $9. We herewith return the bill authorizing you to pay it. When you have done so you can make your claim for the amount on the blank which we enclose. When it is received properly filled and signed we will reimburse you. This expense was incurred without our authority and consequently we are not obliged to pay it, but under the circumstances we approve your action in this case.

Yours truly,

(H. E. Tyler)

(Encs.)

Acknowledged by

Received SEP 17 1900

Answered by...
Sept 25, 1900.

American Mut. Liability Ins. Co.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:—

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 24th inst. enclosing check for $9.60 covering expenses incurred by us in your behalf for stenographic services at inquest on the death of Thomas J. Dixon on July 31st. We enclose herewith formal receipt.

Yours very truly,

A.R.T.—N.

MORGAN CONSTRUCTION CO.

-1 Enc.
Nov. 21, 1900.

American Mutual Liability Insurance Company,

#40 Water Street,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:—

Referring to the case of William Dixon, who was killed at our foundry department on July 31st, 1900, we enclose herewith duplicate copies of paper served on our President, Mr. G. H. Morgan.

Yours very truly,

MORGAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

A. R. T. — L. S.

2 Enclosures—notices.
Morgan Construction Co.,

Dear Sirs:

We have your favour of Nov. 21st, enclosing copy of notice of action served on you by the Administratrix of Wm. J. Dixon, fatally injured on July 31st. This will probably be followed by a summons, which if you will forward to us we will take care of your interests.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Acknowledged by: __________________________
Referred to: __________________________
Rec'd: NOV 22 1900
Ans'd: __________________________
Answered by: __________________________
American Mutual Liability Insurance Co.
40 Water Street.

Morgan Construction Co.,

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your favour of Jan. 9th, we would say that we have heard nothing of the Dixon case for a long time. All the papers have been turned over to our counsel, Messrs. Hopkins, Smith & Hopkins, who will take care of your interests in case any move is made.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Stamp: Acknowledged by...]
[Stamp: Refused to...]
[Stamp: Rec'd JAN 11 1901]
[Stamp: Ans'd...]
[Stamp: Answered by...]
Morgan Construction Co.,

Dear Sirs;

We have your favour of 24th inst. enclosing summons served on you by Catherine Dixon administratrix of the Estate of Wm. J. Dixon, fatally injured July 31st, 1900. We will attend to your appearance and defence.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

July 26th, 1901

Acknowledged
Referred to
Dec'd JUL 27 1901
Ans'd
Answered by