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Gov. Elias Carr:
Raleigh N.C.

My dear Gov.

It is with deplorable regret I am constrained to write you upon such subject as follows, but I see no way out of it, feeling that you will show "more pity than blame" I venture to give you a truthful statement of the circumstance.

As you know I have been representing the Mutual Life Ins Co of N.Y. since my advent here and under bond to the Fidelity & Deposit Co of Baltimore to whom you so kindly endorsed me. Now to begin with origin of my trouble I will go back six months. About the 18th of Nov. 95 - the General Agt of the Mutual Life sent his Auditor down to check up my ac. This investigation showed, according to his statement that I owed him about \$1000 - after paying him over \$1000. This I doubted and asked for an itemized statement of my ac showing all the work sent in from

my sub-agents and other credits I claimed.
I waited until Dec 14th when the Genl. Agt came
himself under a pretext of renewing my contract
and getting settlement. At his request I took all
my books, Bank book & cancelled checks to
his room at hotel that we might check them
over. Supposing he had brought the statement
requested. Upon finding he had not I told him
I would do nothing until he did, and requested
a return of my books &c. He stated that they were
the property of the Company and would not give
them up. I therefore got out a subpoena & had
him arrested & detained until next day - While
I had gone to have warrant issued he tried
to steal my books away. This state of affairs
has been going this way since until last Friday
his brother and Auditor returned with their statement
& I hired an expert acct't to go through them.
Now the unfortunate point is my books were
very incomplete not even having copies of the
reports sent in each month. Therefore he has
me in his clutches & as his books had been
well prepared he had no trouble in putting me
in his debt for amt stated. He now demands
immediate settlement or report to bond Company
and demand the \$1000. - they are responsible

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for. The Attorney for bond Company say they will pay the \$1000 if demanded & prosecute me immediately. Now it is imperative to pay Hindmans claim, and as my attorney has acknowledged the same there is no way out but to take the consequences. If I were given a few months I could meet it but this is not allowed & if I cant raise it I will have to suffer the consequences, disgrace & - will you know the penalty. Now Governor - I am as innocent of intentional misappropriating as anyone ever was & no one who knows me believes it. However this does not excuse or protect me. I have succeeded in raising from my brother in law (all he has & can get) and other sources about \$600. and expecting hourly some small sums from members of my family all they will have or can get. Now is it not possible for you to come to my assistance in some way? I will give you notes for such amt & on such terms as you demand and you can transact it through my Attorney - W L Welcker, who is a high toned gentleman and doing

all in his power for me, Mr. Welcker has the full amt, though a trust fund - which he says he will let me have if I can give security and a guaranty that it will be returned in 30 days. There is no one here for me to go to for this security - all I have tried refuse. Is it not possible to get a loan from you? I am writing a fair business & can pay you back in few months & also save my family.

Now Governor - it is in your power to save me & God knows at no loss. You dont know how it pains me to have to write you such a letter but I know of no one I feel I could rub under my self to more than you. What is done must be done immediately.

Please wire me on receipt of this if I can count on you for assistance & to what extent.

If you prefer wire my counsel W. F. Welcker.

Praying your thoughtful & prayerful consideration -

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Mrs. W. F. Welcker

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