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Supt. U. S. Mint, Phila., Pa.,

Dear Sir:

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RG104 E-1 Box 185 to the "Imperial Pine Product Company" test against its payment and ask that payment be made directly to me. Very truly yours,

[Abstract:] Relative to delivery of charcoal & protests against payment being made to "Imperial Pine Product Co" and asks that payment be made to him. Encloses bill.

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Very truly yours, Wm. Shornton N.E. Cor. Broad & Washington Ave.