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OFFICE OF ASSISTANT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,

E. M. RINE,
Assistant General Superintendent.

SCRANTON, PA.

March 9th, 1911.

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LACKAWANNA & WESTERN RAILROAD CO.
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Mr. G. J. Ray,
Chief Engineer, Hoboken.

Dear Sir:-

Please see my letter March 6th re. elimination of grade crossing between Duryea and Pittston.

At meeting County Commissioners' office, Wilkes-Barre, this A.M., we induced the Traction Company to increase their contribution from \$8000.00 to \$9000.00. Mr. Freeman, Burgess of the Borough of Duryea, pledged \$1000.00 on the part of the Borough. The Grand Jury authorized the County Commissioners to proceed with the work provided the railroad and traction companies would contribute the sum of \$25,000.00 toward the elimination of this grade crossing. Therefore, with \$10,000.00 already provided, as stated above, it will be necessary for our Company to contribute \$15,000.00, the balance to be assumed by the County, whether it be \$5000.00, \$7000.00 or \$10,000.00, to depend upon the cost of the structure. The three Commissioners advised us personally that if the railroad companies and the Borough would contribute the full amount recommended by the Grand Jury, viz.- \$25,000.00, they would proceed with the work, and suggest if our Company decides to provide the additional \$15,000.00, the engineers

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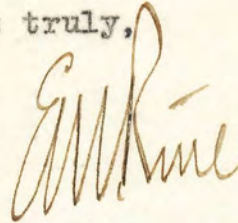
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of the railroad and traction companies, County, and engineers representing the Borough of Duryea get together at an early date and determine upon plans and specifications.

If our Company makes contribution stated above, will you please conduct further negotiations either with the County Engineer or engineer of the Traction Company, advising Mr. Reese final decision so that he may advise the County Commissioners, as we promised them we would do so within the next few days?

I attach hereto copy of report of the Grand Jury filed January 10, 1911, to the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions, Luzerne County, which should be returned to Mr. Reese, who, after it has served its purpose, will return it to Mr. Keiser, Clerk, Court of Quarter Sessions.

Yours truly,



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THE DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA & WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY,
OFFICE OF ASSISTANT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,

E. M. RINE,
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SCRANTON, PA. March 6th, 1911.

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Mr. G. J. Ray,
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Dear Sir:-

Your letter March 3rd to General Attorney Reese re. elimination of grade crossing between Duryea and Pittston.

At Mr. Reese's request, I arranged for conference with Mr. Wright, my office, this A.M.; Mr. Reese and Mr. Camp present, latter representing you. Mr. Wright is as anxious as we for the elimination of this crossing, and agreed this morning to increase contribution his Company from \$5000.00 to \$8000.00.

We agreed Mr. Reese should arrange for a meeting at the County Commissioners' office, Wilkes-Barre, Thursday, the 9th, at 10:00 A.M., with the County Commissioners and representatives of the Borough of Duryea, Mr. Wright of Traction Co., and Messrs. Reese, Camp and myself for our Company, to try and bring about a satisfactory solution of this problem. The result of the meeting will be reported to you.

Yours truly,



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In connection with previous correspondence, your File 17662.

E. M. R.