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17 E. 76 Street, N.Y. C.  
October 10, 1901.

To

The Honorable

Terence V. Powderly,

U. S. Commissioner General,

of Immigration,

Washington,

D. C.

Sir:

Some 2, or utmost 3 weeks ago, different articles, about the Immigration Service on Ellis Island and about the condition of the new Buildings, were published in the "Newyorker Staatszeitung" (German) by its reporter, stationed lately on the Island, namely: Mr. Deutschberger, - also one, in which Mr. Deutschberger mentioned your name, holding you responsible for the insufficient Water supply in the new Building on Ellis Island. N. Y., etc. etc. etc. -

The very same day, this last mentioned water supply article appeared, published in the "German" "N. Y. Staatszeitung", I approached the Reporter, Mr. Deutschberger and remarked that it was simply ridiculous to blame the Commissioner General, Mr. Powderly, for faults of the new Building and the water supply in particular, on Ellis Island, because I hardly thought that Mr. Powderly was an expert on water works, or water supply and I wanted to know, where he, Mr. Deutschberger had obtained this crazy idea. -

Mr. Deutschberger replied that he received this information direct from our headquarters, from assistant Commissioner Mr. McSweeney and Chief Inspector

Mr Lederhilger and that both told him, that a request for repairs had been in time forwarded to Mr Powderly, but that Mr Powderly, as usual, had objected to it, as he objected and objects to everything Mr Sweeney, may demand, or propose and that Mr Powderly's antagonism towards Mr M<sup>r</sup> Sweeney, and Ellis Island Station, was well known and fully established long ago and that he, Deutschberger, made it his particular duty here on Ellis Island, to watch Mr Powderly's actions and ready to run him down, by publications in the paper, he represented, whenever there should be a chance to do so, — as he had done before. —

I further submit for your information, that almost daily, for many, many months past, up to today, Mr Deutschberger has unhindered access to all the books and manifests and circulars in the Centre of the Registry Division and passes most of his time in Mr Lederhilgers and the various compartments there, in conversation usually with

Lederhilger,

Raszkewicz,

marks,

Teschner,

Weskenek,

Mr Stückew and Miss Taylor,

and others of assit. Commis. Mr Sweeney's pets. —

Mr

Mr Deutscherberger hails from Hungary, Hebrew race, and is said to be a fugitive of justice from that country, having been an insurance agent there, and having failed to deliver collected premium money, to the company. —

Interpreter, Mr Lubliner, told me the above facts and he may know more about him. —

Clerk, Mr vander Burg, in the Bureau of Statistics, whom I consider to be a gentleman, told me, that Mr Deutscherberger was a very dangerous and disreputable character, who had become, only through fraud, a member of the "German Literary Society", explaining to me the manipulations of that questionable man, — in becoming a member there.

I considered it my duty, to inform you of all the aforesaid, and remain,

very respectfully,

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