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107. Queen Street -
Durban.

Just H. Latham.

As wired to you yesterday I have about 20 membership cards left - as on Sunday I have to go to the docks for the first time I would like to have about 100 Cues. You know I am enlisting new members old members who had the spirit of Madonna are hiding themselves. Any how I hope they will come back again.

I am sending you the two financial statements which as you will see is very bad. As I disbursed so much money from Cash Contributions. Anyhow I hope I shall be able to recover them sooner or later. The Hall I was preparing was one left by Mrs Madonna. There was a lease which I refused to sign as I thought it was too good to me. I am enclosing a copy of the lease for your information. The cost of drawing the lease had been put down at £ 3-3. I refused to pay it - as I never made any arrangement about this matter. As I pointed out to you some time back. Mrs Madonna left me with some accounts which I do not know how

2 to meet them. I have another Case that is in the
Law Courts a claim for Compensation. At this
juncture it would not be advisable to withdraw it.
I am also sending you the account of the Landlord,
which I want you to see and bring it back. From the
information I have he used to make a good deal
off money out of the "Dances" collecting not less than
£50 per night - but when he left he left with
all such monies, these monies not being shown in
the Books it will be very hard to ~~stop~~ get him to
account for them from the legal point of view.

The fowls account as shown in my statement some
fowls came down here before he left - so we sold
them but not out of that £50. The man who was
sent with that money has not returned I find
that there has been a big business of fowls
here but since they were changing they told their
companions not to let our rulers about it.
When Mr Madama left with his assistant they never
thought that I could carry on this work but
their friends to day are ashamed to meet me

3/2 About that other man who had been paid
£2 monthly. Since I told him that I had no money to
pay him he threatened to take legal action against
the I.C. U. but - I have not seen him since. Mrs
Kadatic wrote he asking me if I could send over
his documents to the Head Office. I will try to get
them from him if he will agree.

I was glad to hear from the National Secretary that
I could engage a Clerk for £2 per week - as £2 is too
small I will engage one for £3.

Please note that I am shifting from this office
107 Queen Street as from the 30 Inst. My reasons for
that is that I have trouble with my sub-tenant
Magway he has never paid me anything
since I came here. He was also a friend of
my predecessor. The whole aim is to do me down
so I had to pay £2-10 for October and I have already
paid £2-10 for November. This tenant - sells skins
and he tells me that he has no money. I called him
to explain his position to the Committee he
said the same so I decided to leave the place

+ The board has nothing to do with him as he knows the I. C. U. All these things point out the difficult position where I am put to by my friend.

I thank you very much for all the best wishes you have given me. My whole aim where ever I am, is to plead for the Cause of the black man. I am determined to do it to the best of my ability. I have been very unfortunate in the I. C. U. because since I came I have handled big matters which I very difficult for me. You know about two months ago I had great difficulties at O. S. Now again in Atlanta I have big problems in front of me. When I wrote you the time I left O. S. you misunderstood my letter when I said notwithstanding the fact that I am a new member what I have experienced is too much meaning therefore that the work that I have carried out is too big for a new I. C. U. officer who is less than a year. I have had to face old officials as far as Law Courts.

5/ Even here Madama made things too
bad. In my private opinion he never cared
for the regulations of the I. C. U.

My letter which you remembered was actually
substantiated by the action of Mr Zyngale who
ran away from Blenheim. He said that he
could not manage the place and it was just
the time when I had put every thing in
good order. Madama has a good time in St.
While I am left with such ^{good times} in Durham.
Now all these things do not give me a bonus
from the board. I often think that I made a
big mistake in leaving my good position
that paid me so well to take up this
position where I had to lose physically and
financially.

With Best regards
Yours Fraternaly
A. W. Champion

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