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RECENT 5761-2-3.

ALBEMARLE COURT,
ALBEMARLE STREET,
MAYFAIR, W.1

Wed. 11 C.1983

P.S., I seeing the Solicitor tomorrow ~~before day~~ for agreement but do something — we have no food — and the bailiff can come any moment — all this when people should have time to work —

immediately

Send £25 to cover our bill mine — or I.C. business is through.

Bill

REGENT 5781-2-3.

ALBEMARLE COURT,
ALBEMARLE STREET,
MAYFAIR, W.1.

London 11.8.1932

Dear Gerald

thanks for your letter — I had to day again a business appointment with the lady — she is agreeable to let me in as a partner but she would rather close her house down than employing somebody there is really no risk — I shall run the place interim — with a ~~absolute~~ free hand — the sleeping partner would get a interest from my lot

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MAYFAIR, W. 1.

London 11. 8. 1932

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so one set of people
is sure - it is up to
me to make people
meet - and make
a profit -
I don't mind what
I do - it can be even
a marriage office -
I don't think a proposition
like this comes every day.
and there no fear. that
t.b. will butt in -
only if people are interested
in him and his work -
I want to be sure
that my name stays
good - I would put
this proposition up
to any body - with busi-
ness sense! it is the
chance of my life -
I still got hope my
story coming out in September
the little season is begin-
ning then too - so
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it is not a gamble -
it is business —

Love Bill

I shall be somebody again

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1937

My dear Guy

I hope you arrived safely in London - I hope you don't find your job too difficult - I know it is hard - It has been for me since October 30 - tragedie after tragedie - I wish I could give you a bit of my fighting nature then you would fill out the place you are ~~asked to~~. After all you saw for your self that things are possible to pull off - do not stop in the middle of it. a life work would be wasted - we all think a lot of the greatness of it.

~~Now~~ Can I get ever my health back or T.C. if our minds can never be at rest.

You must realise that I have done me ~~utmost~~ to set things right - Now do your share and don't let the old man down.

I am so desperate - that I really rather - if we cannot live I have a revolver send over to finish ~~this~~ - My life is not worth living - If you people let the Master down what would happen to me.

Love your brother

Bill

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Love your brother
Bill

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ALBEMARLE COURT,
ALBEMARLE STREET,
MAYFAIR, W. 1.

1231

August 6. –

Dear Harold

sorry we could not see you on Friday –
I know like to get away –
but we are paralysed without you – there is the American – we can not get a thing out – Mortadello we cannot get at – and it is unpaid.
the tea planter are very keen on Mortadello –
and with a little patience we will work it. get Frank Lewis to help in the matter –
So every thing will come out alright.

ALBEMARLE COURT,
ALBEMARLE STREET,
MAYFAIR, W. 1.

1232

Aug 9.

C.F.
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RECENT 5761-2-3.

ALBEMARLE COURT,
ALBEMARLE STREET
MAYFAIR,

August 6. —

Dear Gerald

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RECENT 5761-2-3.

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MAYFAIR,

August 6. —

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RECENT 5761-2-3.

ALBEMARLE COURT,
ALBEMARLE STREET
MAYFAIR,

August 6. —

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RECENT 5761-2-3.

ALBEMARLE COURT,
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1972

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RECENT 5761-2-3.

ALBEMARLE COURT,
ALBEMARLE STREET,
MAYFAIR, W. 1.

1931

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I know you like to get away –
but we are paralysed without you – there is the tea series – we can not get a thing out – Mortadelle we cannot get at – and it is unpaid.
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So every thing will come out alright.

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a statement of [illegible]

Marquis of Granby. 1992

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J. W. PETERS.

MUSEUM 6216.

38. Percy Street.
London. W.1.

Albemarle Court ?

Aug 32

P.S. You ought to come back at once and play the man

C. F.

93

We are being flooded at the mines. I am fag at least this by more. Bill is in constant violent pain. Your absence has spoilt Bill's chances with her proposition, & made mine very difficult — it may mean a cut.

Pandora! 93 93 93 Filly Abb.

that contract. £25 would carry us on for success.

Meanwhile, you really must arrange to help Cora: if you're honest you'll. And there can be a general accounting of all Cora's estate when you go. I'm asking Warren to find a way out when I see him this day that contract.

Yours ever

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38. Percy Street.
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Albemarle Court ?

Aug 32

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C. F.

93

We are being thrown out to-morrow unless I can pay at least £10 by noon.

Bill is in constant violent pain.

Your absence has spoilt Bill's chances with his proprietor & made mine very difficult — it may need a writ.

Thanks! 93 $\frac{93}{93}$ Filly bbb.

Marquis of Granby. 1892

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J. W. PETERS.

MUSEUM 6216.

38. Percy Street.
London. W.1.

Albemarle Court ?

Aug 7th

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way out when I see him this day about contract.

92 Pall Mall 666.

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RECENT 5781-2-3.

C.F.

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Aug 16.

ALBEMARLE COURT,
ALBEMARLE STREET,
MAYFAIR, W. 1.

I do not tell lies, or evade things. Kennan has the P.M. from Paul, & I wrote Cora direct for one from her. It should arrive next mail

We are being thrown out to-day, unless something happens. My man says he hasn't got the money yet – disappointed about some due

Dear boy

?1132

I am glad the Hallers business has turned out allright – because it's not worth your so signing away your birthright. I do hope everything will turn out allright now – I have Miss Kirtzel here – I am so glad she is so soothing for my nerves – if I could even arrive her standard I should be happy – I do not intend to let her go so soon – just wait till you come you'll have to meet her here – We have got a very good publicity man – If the Walker will put up some money – we can make the business go – the exposure he made is

REGENT 5761-2-3.

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Dear boy — 1132

I am glad the Dallas business has turned out allright — because I did not want you to sign away your birthright. I do hope everything will turn out allright now —

I have Miss Kintzel here — I am so glad she is so serving for my nerves — If we could live up to her standard I should be happy — I do not intend to let her go so soon — Mind next time you come you'll have to much to hear — We have got a very good publicity man — If the Walker will put up some money — we can make the business go — the response the store is

REGENT 5701-2-3.
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from Scotland. Has gone for a few days' rest.

Bill's prospect in life has gone completely up the spout. His nerves have gone very badly & she is constantly in pain. You could have fixed it easily.

It would really break my heart if you deserted us all – this includes Cora. Family or no family, you can't let your friends starve. I would live in a hovel; but I owe it to you all to put my work on a big, and to do that I must have consciences 93 [illegible] Files 666

as a very sensible idea – he seems to have organised things like this before – I'll let you have a copy when translated.

Have you seen the Times in contents & do look for the cable pris – I must have a wrap for this time in the year.

Don't forget to tell Hammond about stationery – and we want to have tobacco and tea –

send the way I told you – if no necessity to send the expensive prices – as long it is Indian tea.

I expect you have been having a great strain yourself –

hope we are all getting better – and shall be prosperous one day –

All my love yours

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All my love yours

Brother Bill.

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Father Bill.

1932

RECENT 5761-2-3.

ALBEMARLE COURT,
ALBEMARLE STREET,
MAYFAIR, W. 1.

August 9. 1932

Dear Gerald –

Now I am still worried about a residential –

The lady is a society lady who has never been in work. The house is a wonderful show place 8. Bed room & reception room by Idra is now – 5 lodgers will pay the expence of the house – I shall give bridge circles – and theather supper – the lady has the society people on hand. The cooking servants and housekeeping will

P.S. Bill's job is not with a "landlady". It's to manage one of the most beautiful houses in London as a guest-house. On present basis she is to pay £200, gets food & shelter for one year, & takes half the net profits. Of course, if it goes well, better terms or buying new houses, etc.

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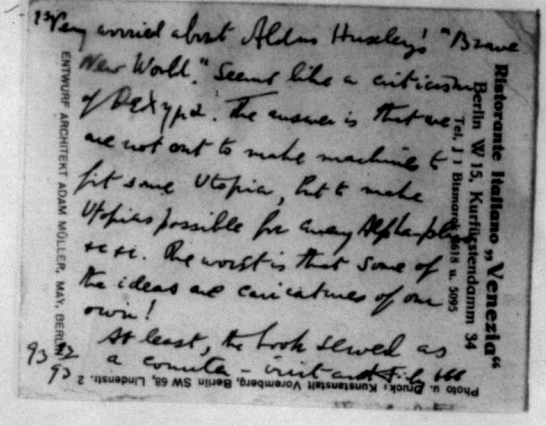
June 1932



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At least, the book served as a counter-irritant to the

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That bars we should move — all depends on a little sum —

Love
Bill

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June 1932

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193 2.— C.—No. 599

In the High Court of Justice.

CHANCERY DIVISION.

MR. JUSTICE BENNETT

Between ALEISTER CROWLEY

L.S.)

PLAINTIFF

AND

GERALD YORKE

DEFENDANT

WITHERS & Co.,
4 Arundel Street, W.C.2

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, TO

Gerald Yorke

of 49, Oxford Mansions

in the County of London

We command you, That within Eight Days after the Service of this Writ on you, inclusive of the day of such Service, you do cause an Appearance to be entered for you in an Action at the Suit of

ALEISTER CROWLEY

And take notice that in default of your so doing the Plaintiff may proceed therein, and Judgment may be given in your absence. Witness, JOHN, VISCOUNT SANKEY

Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, the 7th day of September, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

N.B.—This Writ is to be served within TWELVE calendar months from the date thereof, or, if renewed, within SIX calendar months from the date of the last renewal, including the day of such date, and not afterwards.

The Defendant may appear hereto by entering appearance either personally or by Solicitor, at the Central Office, Royal Courts of Justice, London. A Defendant appearing personally may, if he desire, enter his appearance by post, and the appropriate forms may be obtained by sending a postal order for 2s. 10d. with an addressed envelope, foolscap size, to the Controller of Stamps, Royal Courts of Justice, London.

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193 2.— C.—No. 599

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We command you, That within Eight Days after the Service of this Writ on you, inclusive of the day of such Service, you do cause an Appearance to be entered for you in an Action at the Suit of

ALEISTER CROWLEY

And take notice that in default of your so doing the Plaintiff may proceed therein, and Judgment may be given in your absence. Witness, JOHN, VISCOUNT SANKEY

Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, the 7th day of September, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

N.B.—This Writ is to be served within TWELVE calendar months from the date thereof, or, if renewed, within SIX calendar months from the date of the last renewal, including the day of such date, and not afterwards.

The Defendant may appear hereto by entering appearance either personally or by Solicitor, at the Central Office, Royal Courts of Justice, London. A Defendant appearing personally may, if he desire, enter his appearance by post, and the appropriate forms may be obtained by sending a postal order for 2s. 10d. with an addressed envelope, foolscap size, to the Controller of Stamps, Royal Courts of Justice, London.

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The Plaintiff's Claims

1. That an account be taken of all dealings effected by the Defendant as agent for the Plaintiff.

2. Payment of all monies found due to the Plaintiff.

3. Delivery up of all books, documents, manuscripts, pictures and all other goods belonging to the Plaintiff.

4. Damages. [with A.C. defined this as £15000]

5. Any further or other requisite relief.

MR. GERALD YORKE

WILL SAY:

I have known Mr. Edward Alexander Crowley, commonly known as Aleister Crowley, since 1928.

I got into touch with him through books and I joined his Order of Occultists at that date. I was then a Director of two Public Companies.

At that time Mr. Crowley was living in Paris and I was living in England.

We became great friends. He showed me the manuscript of a Book he had written some time earlier called "Magic" I was struck by the book and helped him to get it published. I put up £800 of my own money for the purpose. Also I obtained a few subscriptions and by these means together with a guarantee for £1,000 which I gave we were able to publish the book.

This book did not actually come out until 1930 when I paid the last Printers Bill out of my own moneys.

Meantime on 14th December 1928 Mr. Crowley had written to me appointing me to be his Agent and Treasurer.

On 24th February 1929 he gave me a formal Power of Attorney.

After such appointment members of Mr.Crowley's Order sent their subscriptions to me. They are shown in the accounts which I have rendered to Mr.Crowley's Solicitors.

In 1928 and the early part of 1929 I was engaged actively on Mr.Crowley's affairs. I tried to get people interested in him, took his typescripts to publishers and helped him in many ways.

In 1929 Mr. Crowley after being turned out of France came to London and the Mandrake Press took over the publication of his books. I became Director of the Mandrake Press Ltd. and put in £1,000. Mr. Crowley got a friend to put in £500.

As Director of the Mandrake Press I found there was no ready sale for Mr. Crowley's books and I disapproved of his methods.

One of Mr. Crowley's grievances against me is that the £1,000 which I put into the Mandrake Press was used for the general purposes of the Company and was not reserved for the publication of his books. The Mandrake Press

subsequently went bankrupt.

On 21st September 1930 Mr.Crowley wrote suspending me from all functions and demanding the return of various books and pictures to Mr. Israel Regardie.

Amongst my grievances are (1) Mr.Crowley obtained money from Mr.Watson Turner for publishing his books but used it for his own purposes (2) He left his wife destitute and went to Portugal with another girl. When he went away I had about £60 of his left in the fund. I dealt it out to his wife. His poor wife went through the Work House to Colney Hatch. Before she went I helped her privately. Colney Hatch is still after Mr.Crowley for the bill.

Mr.Crowley's grievances against me are that I had never introduced him and ~~Miss~~ Mrs. Busch to my friends socially or given them letters of introduction to people with capital who might put up money for him.

My experience has lead me to distrust his commercial integrity and his code of morals in private life is not that of my circle.

In June 1932 I thought I saw a way of raising £500 for Mr.Crowley but it failed.

In August 1932 I bought an outfit for Miss Busch, Mr.Crowley's mistress who is a charming woman. I bought the outfit with Mr.Crowley's approval.

It was not until I told Mr.Crowley that I was coming to the end of the moneys I was prepared to advance to him that he threatened proceedings.

In answer to Mr.Crowley's claim as endorsed on the Writ I say as follows :

(1) I delivered my hand to Messrs. Forsythe & Co., an account prepared by me of expenses and payments by me on behalf of Mr.Crowley. That account showed a balance due to me of £800 or thereabouts. In addition to this I have made out other accounts against Mr.Crowley amounting to £507. 6. 6 and £379.15. 6.

(2) All the books, documents and manuscripts which I held on behalf of the Plaintiff were deposited by me with A.G.Dixon & Co. long ago.

On 14th October 1930 I wrote to Dixons to hold the goods to the instructions of Mr.Israel Regardie in accordance with Mr.Crowley's letter to me of 21st September 1930.

These books, documents, manuscripts and pictures were subsequently removed by Mr.Regardie to Burns of Esher.

I paid Dixons fees to release them.

So far from money being found due from me to the Plaintiff there is due from Crowley to me £1687 or thereabouts.

In March or February 1930 Mr.Crowley was running a Picture Exhibition in Berlin. I assisted Mr.Regardie in getting the pictures from Burns and despatching them to Berlin. I paid £2.10. 0 for transport. I produce the receipt.

I saw the pictures in Berlin but the Exhibition was a failure. As far as I know the pictures are still in Berlin.

On Mr.Crowley's directions I withdrew from Burns and the American Express Co. books and manuscripts including diaries some of which I took to Mr.Crowley at once in Berlin. The remainder I handed to Messrs. Forsythe & Co. his Solicitors in August 1932, but have not yet had a receipt for them. (I bought these from Kermen after A.C. death)

I ~~cannot~~ conceive on what grounds Mr.Crowley is

asking for damages against me.

Up to the commencement of these proceedings in spite of disagreements I remained friendly towards Mr.Crowley. He brings this action solely for the purpose of delaying my departure for China, As long ago as April last he knew I was going.

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At the present moment he and Mrs Busch are using all means in their power to get me to pay their room rent,and a month's advance rent to enable them to move into a cheap flat.In view of t the legal expenses to which I am being put,I am declining to do so I will write you at greater length in the train,and post the letter from Harbin.My address is c/o Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shanghai.Please write me in duplicate,sending one copy via Siberia and the other by sea.,as I understand that the overland mail is none too reliable.I am sending my correspondance files out by sea, and as soon as I now more details with regard to the charges,will send you the relevant correspondance,and my reply.Please delay th

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had by that time married Mr. Germer. When this money was sent to me for Mr C. it appears in the accounts, but a considerable quant -ity was I believe paid to Mr. C. direct, and of that I have no account. In the main the Germers kept Mr C from 1929-December 1930. They did so out of capital, and as a result are now penniless.

When I first started these accounts, the idea was that Mr C should no longer be worried by finances, but should live on £10 a week, sent him by me out of the Publication fund in London. Mr C. however was quite unable to keep his expenses

within this limit. As a result there were often moments when the fund was empty. Mr Germer would then advance money to the fund from time to time, which I repaid him and myself when more money came in. The total amount which I myself advanced without repayment was £800, as shown in tha accounts. I did not consult Mr C when refunding Mr. Germer or myself. for monies advanced.

I have no intention of pressing Mr C for repayment of the money which I have advanced him and spent on his behalf. It would indeed be wasteof time seeing that his present assured income is under £200 a year. But if he brings a suit against me for damages as he has threatened, I will press my claim for repayment.

In about August of 1930 Mr C decided to desert his second wife, and go to Portugal with a young German girl, Miss Yaeger. He left his wife, who is a Nicaraguan, and at that time spoke very little English, behind in Londonwithout any money. I therefore paid her out of the balance of the publication fund against Mr C's wishes, for he wrote me to send him the money for his own expenses in Portugal. I had paid her some £60, before he "suspended me from all activities" and I handed the account over to Mr Regardie. I maintained then, and still believe that it was more/ better for Mr C that she should receive something than that he should run the risk of a prosecution for noyt support- -ing her. The money which I paid her is shown under her name in th the accounts. Later I helped her out of my own pocket. She would not however help herself by working for a liuing, but drifted I believe to the Embankment, and from then to the workhouse, where I visited her. From there she was certified insane, and sent to Colney Hatch, where I think she still is. I understand that the L.C.C are anxious to obtain Mr. C.'s address with a view to prosecuting him for payment. I must leave it t you wheter you think it to be in my interest that they be sent the name of his solicitors. If you think it would damage his claim against me, please send the L.C.C. the address. He has received nearly £400 from me this year, of which I believe he has sent nothing to her.

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I belive that Mr C can produce a letter from me showing that I approved of his going to Portugal. But this was before I realised that he was taking Miss Yaeger with him, and when I still thought he intended to make some provision, no matter how small for his wife.

In October 1930 Mr C. "suspended me from all Functions", I gave you the letter he wrote me about this. I then handed the publication account over to Mr Regardie, instructed the Bank to accept his signature, and warned them that the account was not to be overdrawn. I then left for North Africa. The account however remained in my name. There was only some £30 left, and I did not bother to have it transferred. Mr Regardie however used it laggerly for his own purposes, closing the account in August 1931 with a payment to himself of £3. When making up the accounts for Mr. C in August 1932, I included the period during which Mr. R handled the fund. The details are shown under Mr R's name in the accounts.

I have been in touch with Mr C by correspondance ever since October 1930. Twice I visited him in Berlin, and I have seen a lot of him since he has been in London this year. I told him in April of this year that I was going to China at the end of August. It was not until the end of August that through his sollicitors he asked me to make out these accounts.

There are a few small payments whose origin escapes me. These I posted to "miscellaneous sales". At this distance of time I cannot give an exact account of what books were sold. They mostly, if not all consisted of sets of Magick sold by Mr Smith in Los Angeles. I do not think I sold more than a dozen sets myself.. But of this I am certain. All money received is shown by me in the accounts.

No.3 P.8.

The Mandrake Press, and the Mandrake Press Ltd.

In 1929 when Mr C came to England the Mandrake Press entered into a contract with Mr. C. to publish four or five of his works during a period of I think 2 years. The main item was Mr C's Confessions in 4 or 5 volumes. E Goldston, a bookseller in Museum Street, and P R Stephenson were the directors. Mr C gave me power of attorney to arrange and sign this contract. I played an active part in the negotiations, but as Mr. C. was in England, he signed the contract himself. The Mandrake Press published 2 volumes of the Confessions, a small volume containing 3 short stories entitled "Strategem", and a novel, Moonchild.
Mr Goldston then decided to go out of the publishing business. Major Thynne then organised the Mandrake Press Ltd which took over the assets and liabilities of the Mandrake Press. I put in £1000, and became a director. The other directors were P R Stepenson, and McCullum. At Mr C's instigation the Germers agreed to invest £1000, but Mr C diverted £500 to his own pocket, so that the Mandrake Press Ltd only received £500 of the money promised them from this source. They published "The Legend of Aleister Crowley", the third volume of Confessions, and a volume of short stories called "Golden Twigs" were in proof state when the company went i nto liquidation. Of course other books beside Mr Crowley's were published and at the printers when the crash came.
Apart from publishing Mr C's books the Mandrake Press also became Mr C s sole agent in England. Accordingly on Mr C's instructions they were sent 1000 sets (I think) of Magick which had been privately printed by Mr C in Paris. These arrived about August 1930. The Mandrake Press decided not to market them until after the 3rd volume of Confessions and Golden Twigs had come out. Otherwise the market wouldhave been flooded with his works.
Some time ago I gave Mr C my list of addresses of all people and booksellers who had ordered books of his from the Mandrake Press amd the Mandrake Press Ltd. This proves that there was no sale for Mr C's works. He was paid £100 advance royalties, and I do not think received a further payment from the Mandrake Press Ltd. Mr C maintains that the failure of his works to sell wasc due to lack odf enterprise on behalf of the Press. Certainly they had not sufficient capital to advertise extensively. In this I disagree with Mr C. Events have proved that there is no ready sale for his works in England at the moment. Surely Mr C has to prove that there is a market for his works in England before he can claim damages from me because they have not sold. His writings and pictures are his only assets. The Press went bankrupt when publishing his works, and his picture exhibition in Berlin in 1931 did not bring about the sale of a single picture.

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Dear Mr Yorke,

The first meeting of Crowley's creditors was held to-day. I sent my Managing Clerk to attend the meeting for the purpose of ascertaining whether any mention was made with regard to the Action commenced against you and also to find out whether there were any assets in the estate.

I understand that Crowley's liabilities amounted to approximately £5000 and he has apparently informed the Official Receiver that he has a pending action against you which, assuming that he will be successful, will provide sufficient means to make his estate solvent. My clerk informed the Official Receiver that the action was commenced over two years ago and that nothing had been done since I entered an Appearance to the action on your behalf, and he intimated that you had a perfectly good Defence to the Action and if necessary would defend it. The Official Receiver invited any creditor to put up sufficient money to enable the action to proceed but nobody accepted the invitation.

You are actually entitled to apply to the Court to dismiss the action for want of prosecution but in view of the fact that you are unlikely to obtain the cost of doing this from Crowley, I think it better to leave the matter where it is.

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In 1927 I heard from a very old member of the Order, Mr. J. G. Bayley, that Mr. Yorke had been studying the Equinox and other of our works and wished to get into touch with me. I entered into correspondence with him, ultimately suggesting that he should call upon me. He, therefore, called on me at the Hotel Foyot, Paris on the 31st of December 1927. He was anxious to obtain certain unpublished Manuscripts, and I allowed him access to these.

He came over again to Paris in the Spring of 1928. Byt this time he was definitely anxious to join the Order, and to undergo a course of personal training. He also urged me to help him to break himself of the habit of masturbation. I agreed to help him, and we proposed to spend some weeks together in the summer in the South of France, so that I might test his progress in the course of training which I appointed for him, and give further instructions.

He further agreed to assist in the publication of Part III of Book 4, my textbook on Magick.

With regard to the finances of the publication, Yorke represented to me that with my assets I ought to be making a much larger income than I was actually doing, and said that, if my affairs were handled by a good man of business, I should be making several thousand pounds a year. He pointed out that he was himself a Director of the Mexican Railway, of Pontifex & Sons Ltd., Alfred Emanuel Ltd., and other important firms. He spontaneously offered his services which I accepted. I executed in his favour a very wide Power of Attorney, so that he could handle the whole of my stock and undertake any business transaction on my behalf. I also executed a will, making him my sole residuary legatee with remainder to Karl Germer. I also made him a trustee of the E. A. Crowley settlement. The date of this last appointment is December 31, 1928.

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