

BOSTON, <sup>13<sup>th</sup></sup> May 1914

Charles E. Stratton Esq<sup>r</sup>  
70 State st.

Dear Mr. Stratton:—

In regard to this bill I beg to say that this clock was sent from my Uncle's house to be repaired to Bond & was sent by Bond by express to Barnstable to my mother. As I reported to them at that time the clock arrived in a hopelessly broken condition - the case owing to bad packing or rough handling being broken beyond repair - I said at the time that I wd pay this bill which was for repairing the works if Bond wd pay what I was obliged to pay for a new case - which was \$13- or \$15- I have since heard nothing at all from Bond & don't know if they took the matter up with the Express Co or not - It was a case of carelessness on the part of the packers or the Express Co & I had almost forgotten about it. I do not think that this was considered as anything to do with my Uncle's estate but rather my mother or me -

Yours truly

Benjamin P. Ellis