

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
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# THE KORESHAN UNITY

INCORPORATED

A COMMUNISTIC AND Co-  
OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION

MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
DEPARTMENTS  
BOATBUILDING  
CARPENTRY AND BUILDING  
AGRICULTURE  
BAKERY TIN SHOP  
HORTICULTURE  
TAILORING  
STEAM LAUNDRY

ESTERO, LEE CO., FLA., October 29, 1908

Received of Cyrus R. Teed and The Koreshan Unity Inc., as a  
compromise settlement in full of all claims or demands of every nature--  
against either, each or both of said parties the sum of One thousand  
dollars payable as follows--to wit:--

Note thirty days from date	\$100.00
Cash	400.00
One note due in six months	200.00
One note due one year	200.00
1 Printing "The Unity" <i>cashless</i>	100.00
One check dated Nov. 14, 1908	100.00
Total	\$1000.00

As part consideration of this compromise settlement, it is agreed  
that I shall forthwith dismiss and pay all Court costs in the suit  
of Arthur Teed vs. The Koreshan Unity--now pending in the United States  
District Court at Tampa, Florida.

Signed:



Proposition for Settlement.

You pay me \$500. before July 1st. in three payments as follows:  
\$100. by return mail after receiving this letter.  
\$300. in 30 days from date, you giving your note for the amount  
\$100. on July 1st. also to be represented by promissory note.  
I enclose notes herewith.

Note for \$500. payable <sup>September 1st 1907</sup> ~~October~~ 1st. Note for \$835 payable January  
1, 1908 and note for \$665. payable March 1, 1908.

The balance of the claim I am willing to leave for future adjustment.

In place of the note for \$835 (if you desire or prefer) I will take the baby-grand piano which I saw when at your place (if it remains in good condition) delivered at Winter Park at a valuation of \$500. Also the Studibaker Canopy top bike tire two seated carriage that I drove at your place, if still in good condition, at a valuation of \$300. Also a first class sewing machine at \$35. Mr. Hunt told Mts Teed that he could get one for \$25.

The above offer is for immediate acceptance only.

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If you will forward these securities promptly, so that I can feel that my claim is not jeopardized, it will give me pleasure to give you any and every consideration possible. The matter is, as you should see, is an impersonal business proposition, but one which I am quite willing to regard as between friends, and one in which I am disposed to deal kindly. In case of your acceptance I should have no desire to discount these notes at the bank - I am so fixed that this will not be necessary - and I wish to make the payments easy for you.

Very Faithfully, Yours,

D. Arthur Teed

Winter Park, Fla.  
May 10 - 1907.



*Original*

July 13, 1917.

The Koreshan Unity,  
Esterro, Florida.

Gentlemen:-

In going through my files relative to these matters I have found that Dr. Teed left with me a number of checks, receipts and statements having relation to the dealings of Dr. Teed and the Unity with D. Arthur Teed. These came to me at the time that D. Arthur Teed was suing the Doctor on account of an alleged balance due on the purchase of some of his paintings. That litigation has been ended long since; though not by a judgment. I have no further use for the files here, and thinking that they may be of some benefit to you, or that at least you will desire to retain them, I am herewith enclosing them. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

With regards, I am,

Very truly,

JWB-G.

Enc-

*John W. Burton*

White Tank, Fla.  
May 10 - 1907.

Dear Father,

I have read ~~from~~ your letter of May 5th and though its general tone does not differ materially from that of some thirty and odd others of yours on file in my desk, dating as far back as Feb. 25, 1899 it still contains matter of interest. In this reply I shall attempt to deal with each of the suggestions of yours with the candor of which they are deserving. In opening let me correct a slight error of yours regarding my effort to get an order of groceries some time since from Heitman to go on your account.

A previous order had been filled after long delay from goods direct from Heitmans. This is certain because they carried Heitmans labels—and these goods were delivered here damaged from improper packing and too much delay enroute. I made no complaint of this at the time. Later on failing to receive certain promised remittances, I wrote urgently for money—I then waited over a month and during this time my call was quite ignored—I then wrote to Heitman asking him to put up our order and to get you or some one in authority to indorse the same. Receiving no reply to this after ten days I again wrote to Heitman, an excuseably impatient letter—and when after some further delay I received your unsatisfactory letter the game seemed unworthy of the effort.

Now, I am quite ready to have my little letter to Heitman (charged with being "funny") laid along side, point for point, with one of yours to me under date of Feb. 23, 1900—let me quote in part (there are too many chapters of it for a full quotation)

My dear Arthur .....

I have now some mines (gold and copper) exclusively in my possession and absolutely under my control destined to change the official status of the Bureau of Equitable Commerce—They are

estimated to exceed seven millions in value. It has afforded me great pleasure to be able to donate to your interests from this source—and I have accordingly had registered two claims at the County Clerk's office of Jeff. Co. Col. in your name. From expert estimates these two claims can be safely rated at \$250,000. I furthermore desire to name you as Vice President of The Gold Producing Corporation Union—This is simply my desire to associate your name with me in what may prove a gorgeously prolific source of income to the cause of human progress."

Now when one stops to consider (and my attorneys have definite information as to the points in hand) that at the time you wrote, nor since (unless within a very recent date) you owned no such mines as you described\* and that the claims you mention were never recorded in my name in Jeff. Co. Col. I think your letter will take the palm anywhere for being "funny"— and there are others of them just as "funny".

I have no wish to make any one trouble—quite the contrary—no one dislikes processes of law more than I—of that I am sure. I only want common justice— I only want my own, and if I can get that, alone, I can get on famously. Since last August— or for over eight months you have ~~paid~~<sup>an</sup> me (on account the annual interest alone of which is about \$250) less than forty dollars, including the bill of groceries. Does this look as though I had pressed very hard?

From your own written statement, under this most recent date my large account with you is not secure—in debt to your bankers about \$5,000 and "refused further discount".

In your New York letter to me of August 26, '06. you threaten to rebut my claim under two heads which you specify viz. That some painting remained unfinished and that you have paid a bank



charge of \$31.40-you must see how childish this looks on paper-and I don't hesitate to say that your withholding the several paintings that I have asked for (a combined value of a few hundred dollars) in order to do the retouching you elsewhere demand, looks to us like <sup>pity</sup> conspiracy

I should like you to know that I advise no line of honesty to others that I am unwilling to follow, and that I am prepared to show that within the past few months I have paid old claims of my own amounting to over \$7,000 (voluntarily) which the courts had failed to extort from me. In addition I have given to Mrs. Teed in full deed and title (during the same time) a fine home <sup>here</sup> property with its furnishings which could not be reproduced (at least in my opinion) for less than ten or twelve thousand dollars. I make no professions I only state facts.

I wished to feel that I have made some return to my wife for her own disappointments in life-and this is but one effort in detail.

From some recent developments I hardly think I should carry my claim against *The Koreskian Ministry, of Estero, Fla.* into court personally-I should dislike the experience for many reasons-I find that I can sell the claim at private sale though I have no desire to do so, and probably realize a substantial amount, which would be better than the present risk and uncertainty. I enclose a basis upon which I will settle-it is not an open offer however and must command your immediate attention and reply.

Very faithfully yours,

*A. Arthur Teed*

"Copy"

Orlando, Florida Nov. 17, 1908

Received of Cyrus R. Teed and the Koreshan Unity, Incorporated, as a compromise settlement in full of all claims or demands of every nature against either each or both of the said parties the sum of \$100.00 cash Koreshan Unity note payable one year after date for \$300.00 and one painting "The Penitents".

As part consideration of this compromise settlement, it is agreed that I shall forwith dismiss and pay all court costs in the suit of D.Arthur Teed vs. Koreshan Unity now pending in the United States Court for the Southern District of Florida at Tampa.

Witness:

D.Arthur Teed  
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T.P.Wattlew

*Given to atty to show Judge Whitney 7/2/01*

Original

Winter Park, Fla.

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1908.

This is an acknowledgement of the amounts received by me from The Korolian Unity, prior to the several articles of settlement, submitted through The First National Bank of Ft. Myers, in the final settlement of my claim against The Korolian Unity. viz. note and checks, five hundred dollars (\$500.)

Signed  J. H. S. [Signature]



RETURN IN 5 DAYS TO

San Juan Hotel,

HARRY L. BEEMAN,  
PROPRIETOR.

Orlando, Florida.



*J. Cyrus E. Teed,  
Esters Lumber Co.,  
Florida.*

*Personal*



## San Juan Hotel,

HARRY L. BEEMAN,  
Proprietor.

Orlando, Fla.

Oct. 31st 1908

Dear Father -

I arrived at Winter Park  
after a wearisome trip at  
1:30 this morning -  
I was very sorry to find  
you ill and suffering - I  
sincerely hope that you're easier,  
and that your trip to Fort Myers  
caused you no additional trouble.  
Now about this disagreeable  
business - which I do sincerely  
wish you were in better shape  
to grapple with. My proposition  
to you, you understood was  
one for immediate action -  
in naming terms I have  
made a sacrifice, in  
part for your sake, and in



Consequently the matter  
must be closed, permanently  
and without delay!

So I said to you "it is this  
or nothing" - in the great  
spirit of self protection.

The balance of the certain  
cash amount named by me  
yesterday, in cash, forthwith -

The second amount to be  
covered by a good order  
(on Tampa shall we say)  
or, if you prefer, as I prefer,  
cash - In case of the order  
I should expect either cash  
or further additional credit  
say to the amount of \$25;  
to cover expenses to Tampa  
to select the goods -

And, essentially, the assurance  
that such order will be honored.

Thirdly - The third amount named  
by me in our conference



## San Juan Hotel,

HARRY L. BEEMAN,  
Proprietor.

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Yesterday, if covered by note,  
said note shall be such a

kind of note as that given to  
the bank of Ft. Myers, by you,  
yesterday - Time limit not  
to exceed twelve months

(six months preferred) as  
I shall desire to discount  
this note, if given.

And lastly - The oil painting  
entitled "The Painters" signed  
by S. Arthur Mac - with its  
frame and shadow box -  
properly and securely boxed,  
shall be delivered to me  
at "219 Jefferson Avenue"

Scranton, Pa. by express,  
charges pre-paid - and  
with out delay. These terms  
being complied with I give  
you my assurance that



acquittances in full is  
prepared and only awaiting  
such compliance on your  
part, and my signature -  
And that the same acquittals  
and receipts - shall be forwarded  
to their several destinations  
immediately and with out  
delay. I trust that I have  
made my self clear -  
I am booked to sail from  
Jacksonville on Wednesday -  
If you act immediately - and  
communicate with me by  
"wire" at Winter Park - I might  
make Jacksonville - via  
Tampa in time for boat.  
I rely on you in this - please  
do not fail me -

Wishing you, again, a quick  
recovery, I am, very,  
but quite,  
Yours,  
St. Arthur Reed



**San Juan Hotel,**HARRY L. BEEMAN,  
Proprietor.

Orlando, Fla.

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An order at Tampa would  
be most acceptable at  
the larger and more up-to-  
date house - As we desire  
fashionable garments,  
and articles —

If you proper the order  
could be split between  
two houses. Put yourself  
in this —

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