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77x You have stated that there was some difficulty in getting those interested in the Company to attend meetings there was no difficulty of this kind with reference to Mr Holmes. Was there?-

Ans. No. Sir:- He used to write letters to these people and have to get them to come down.

78x So in that regard he was performing the duties of Secretary Treasurer?- (Ex Co)

Ans. I suppose so. I don't know he wrote the letters.

79x As a result of these negotiations & the controversy about which you've just been speaking. Mr Holmes offered to resign his position with the Co, didn't he?

Ans. No. Sir - not to my knowledge on these things He did say something in relation to getting money to run the business. That if he had to run the business on small capital he would resign or leave it or something like that

80x If I understand your answer, in substance you mean to say. that Holmes offered to resign if he & the other person interested in the Co. Council not agree as to the method of its conduct?- (Ex Co)

Ans. Mr. Holmes took his book out or threw it on the desk and said that rather quit the business than to have a question whenever he wanted notes enclosed to raise money for its conduct.

81x At the same time he offered to surrender to you & Mr. Sheehan the keys, did he not?-

Ans. Yes when I refused to sign the note, he threw his keys down on the desk & said that he would rather quit the business than to have any more trouble about getting money.

82x He personally tendered the keys to both you and Mr Sheehan, did he not?-

Ans:- He threw them on the desk. Sheehan and I were both present at the time.

83x And you both suggested to him not to act so speedily in tendering his resignation, did you not!-

Ans. No. Sir:- Not to my knowledge there was nothing said about that he picked his keys right up again soon after throwing them down.

84x You don't mean to swear that Mr. Sheehan said to him to not act so speedily?

Ans. I don't remember of anything like that being said.

85x Soon after this I immediately prior to your filing your Bill for receivers, did Holmes not offer to resign? his resignation to take effect on May 15th 1906?

Ans. I don't remember anything like that to have