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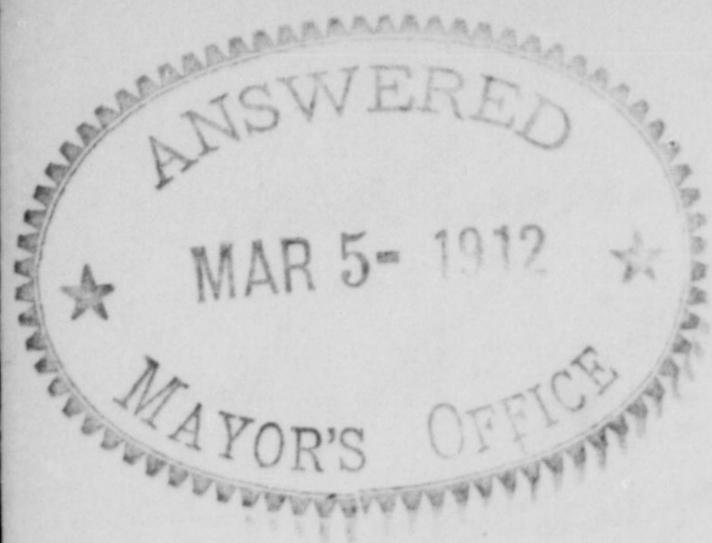
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Mr Mayor Gaynor:

Permit me to express
to you my gratification
and unfeigned pleasure
in the note which prompt-
ed you to express in your
masterful letter your view-
point of the Brand
fiasco. It is difficult
to understand a condition
of public mind which
will sustain such unskil-
fulness and at the same
time characterize it as jour-

realism in fact this may
be the Agr. Columnary form
of sensation

With expressions of very high
regard and esteem and
best wishes to you and yours

Very truly
Yours
J. M. H. H.

March two
1912

SUPREME COURT
JUDGES CHAMBERS
COURT HOUSE, CHAMBERS STREET
NEW YORK

March 4th, 1912.

Dear Mr. Mayor:,

My attention has been called to a letter written by you to the Governor of this State, concerning the Brandt case, and given out for publication from Albany.

I recognize that you or any one else has a right to criticise any decision, but in this case your letter has been construed as a personal attack on me.

I might also call your attention to the fact that you state in your letter that Brandt's examination by the Judge took place on the day he was sentenced when as a matter of fact it took place on the day he was arraigned to plead.

So far as I know our relations have been friendly - but I cannot allow a letter which has been construed (whether rightfully or not) as ^{personal} an attack and which is written by one who is not only Mayor of our city but an ex-judge of this court, to pass without calling your attention to this construction which has been placed on it.,

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. William J. Gaynor,
City Hall, New York.

James W. Gerard.

March 12, 1912.k

Dear Mr. Schiff:

I am very glad to receive your letter. It is time that all of us interpose to prevent this black-leg newspaper proprietor from defaming everybody without scruple, and exciting our criminals to commit crime. The way he was holding this scoundrel Brandt up as a hero in this community, was, as you may not know, inciting every criminal in the city to feel that he could commit criminal acts without danger.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Murray
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Jacob H. Schiff, Esq.,
William and Pine Streets,
New York City.

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April 9, 1912. b

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of April 5th I beg to say to you that you have been deceived by the mere ragbag newspapers of this city. Justice Gerard never threatened to cite me for contempt for having written the letter to Governor Dix. So far as I know he never even thought of such a thing. We have the same right in this country to criticise judicial decisions as we have to criticise any other official acts. This is not questioned by anybody. What ignorant newspapers say should not be a guide to you or to me. If you still desire the letter which I wrote let me know and I will have it sent to you.

Sincerely yours,


Mayor.

A. J. Brunthaver, Esq.,
Fremont, Ohio.