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Letter from Attorney General Langer to W. J. Kneeshaw Regarding Complaints about Handling of State v. Stepp Case, February 14, 1919

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Matter

February 14, 1919.

Hon. W. J. Kneeshaw,
Judge,
Pembina, N. D.

Dear Judge:

I have had a great many complaints with reference to the case of State vs. Stepp. Mrs. [redacted] and daughter were up here to see me, Senator Porter has communicated with and has been in to see me. Finally a bunch of citizens came down from Saries stating that something should be done to bring Hiram Stepp to justice.

I wrote States Attorney Grimson and am herewith enclosing his letter. I am also enclosing the statement of Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and of the village marshal.

The position I have taken in this matter, has been, inasmuch as you disposed of it, that I had no authority whatever in the case and that your disposition of it was final.

I would like to have you take the time to read the letters herewith enclosed and would like your suggestions as to the advisability of Mr. Grimson rearresting Mr. Stepp. Might add that I have found Mr. Grimson absolutely honest and fair in all his dealings and do not believe he is endeavoring to shield Mr. Stepp. On the contrary if he was lenient it is possible that he was unconsciously influenced by some of his friends.

W. J. K. #2

I will be glad to have you return the
correspondence to me as soon as you are through
with it.

Yours very truly,

Attorney General.

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