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" The department has been in some way most grossly imposed upon in this matter about which we have already written you several letters

The man Soper whose Assigt to his wife was declared invalid is now living in the States - Mr Shackleton has gone there expressly to see him & ascertain how he came to give the second Assigt to this Mrs Gilpin, we will lose no time in getting up our case for you to lay before the Minister of Justice whom we feel confident of satisfying that Mr Deismore is entitled to the property & that the department have been imposed upon or an attempt been made to do so" ~

9 April 75

Referring to your letter Number 973, we beg to inform you by Book Post, sent from John Ashcroft to John Shackleton dated 16 April 1873 and registered 25 Nov 1873 in County of Prince and our under Power of Sale therein from Shackleton to David Deismore - We also enclose Affidavits of William Soper, showing that the property was really and truly sold by his wife & that he conveyed the same to Mr Shackleton, and also Affidavits corroborating the same from William Bull, & from Mr Shackleton - We also call attention to the way in which Ashcroft obtained the assignment from Soper to Miss Gilpin and that there was no consideration for it & that it was done to convey and the sale to Shackleton, as indicated by Soper - (Cont: over)