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Engineer,
Public Buildings and Grounds,
1729 New York Ave., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It has been customary for several years to have the Tea House at Pierce Mill open for the convenience of the public and has been one of the attractions of Rock Creek Park.

I personally know of several desirable persons who have made inquiries for the purpose of opening the Tea House this summer and am told could get no satisfaction, they being told that the building was to be improved.

I have been informed today that the privilege has been given to a colored woman and if so, in my opinion, it will be a detriment to the park and will also undoubtedly displease the public. I very much fear it will cause the Tea House to become a rendezvous for colored people, soon developing into a nuisance which would naturally cause the white people (women and children) who frequent the neighborhood to stay away entirely.

I formally protest against this action, if true, and hope no final arrangements of such character have been made.

Respectfully,

E. S. Newman

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Recommend Mr. Newman be informed that the lease for the Pierce Mill protects the interests of the Gov. & the Public and can be terminated at once if conditions become objectional also request Mr. Newman to furnish names & address of people wishing the lease