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7 January 1926

Dr. Eric M. North
Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. North:

On Monday the 4th we received from you the following telegram:

"Orders placed electricity cable, sewage disposal machinery. Shall we buy pipe according to Lunds letter of July 24 current? How much additional will be needed, heating plant etc. before April 1st? How much cash additional will be needed residences, college buildings, except administration building (Bashford) before April 1? What do you estimate will be the cost of the improvements contemplated on the property of the South Residence Site, including land, roads, water, etc., same East Compound. Please telegraph definite answer immediately. Greetings for the New Year."

We are very glad to know that the electricity cable has been purchased, also the sewage disposal machinery. We shall look forward to definite word when it can be shipped, awaiting its arrival with anticipation. We are also glad to know that you are considering buying pipes for domestic hot water supply and have cabled you to ask you to proceed with the purchase of them.

We note that you have now our draft No.437 and shall comment on this later.

We have sent you the following telegram to answer the last part of your message, and shall try to explain how we have arrived at the figures embodied in this cable.

"Please buy and send the following: pipe, according to letter of Lund, July 24 last year. The amount required: Heating Plant - G\$25,000; Residences - G\$14,500; Buildings - G\$29,000. One-third total amount is already drawn. Improvements South - G\$10,500; East - G\$7200. Additional will be needed: campus-roads - G\$15,000. Mission endorses appointment to temporary service in this mission ABCFM Wolfe, try all you can to further. How about private secretary? Gibb."

There are four different contractors who are doing residence work. We owe these men, or will owe them when all work is finished approximately the following amounts in local currency: a) \$22,000; b) 11,000; c) 10,000; d) 21,000; we anticipate that before April 1 they will call on us to pay in the neighbourhood of one-third of this amount, namely, \$20,000. The contractors on

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on the main job are asking us to pay before Chinese New Year \$8000. This leaves a considerable margin of moneys due them, but we think that if we pay them this they will not call on us for further sums before the 1st of April. We shall begin to buy materials, in fact considerable quantities are on order, anticipating the spring work, and we estimate that this will take \$30,000. We will have to pay during the next three months \$12,000 salaries. Other small contractors: plumbers, stone men, earthworkers and electricians will take enough to bring the total requirements to nearly \$80,000 Chinese currency, or about \$45,000 gold.

Going back to the draft No.437, Mr. Krause tells me that he has drawn against heat, light and power \$20,000, against residences (the Princeton house) \$3500 and against administration buildings \$30,000, since this draft. As per your telegram we omitted the administration building figures and have given you in our cable as amount required for the heating G\$25,000, residences G\$14,500, buildings 29,000, this is made up of 23,500 already drawn and \$45,000 still needed. We indicate that one-third of this amount is already drawn, but the drafts have not come to New York at the time of your cable. We now come to the second half of the cable, namely, the improvements contemplated. I shall go into these in some detail. First of all in the East Residence Compound the plans show over 1600' of 12' wide roadways and over 600' of 8' wide roadways making a total of 12000 square feet which we estimate will cost not over \$9840 local currency. There will also be needed a minimum of 1400 running feet of 5' pathways leading up to the nineteen residences already started there, these, we estimate, will cost in the neighbourhood of \$1400. There are still three residences there for which the service yards and dry wells have not been made, and in none of the houses has paving of the service yard been considered. We have included in our estimate a certain quantity of pebbles to be sprinkled in every service yard, as we think this is the most economical and at the same time satisfactory method of taking care of this part of the homes. Our estimate of these is nearly \$1700, which brings the East Residence Site up to G\$7200 to complete. On the South Residence Site to provide the main sewers and connections to the six houses already started we figure will cost \$1430. Dry well and service yards we count to nearly \$1800. There will be somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$1000 worth of grading to be done there. There will be 13100 square feet of both kinds of roadways, which will cost \$5200. The fence for which most of the material is on hand will cost \$700, the retaining wall along the East side and for part of the South side will cost \$3600, the water mains from the power station down to this compound will come to \$3300 making a total of G\$10200. The only figure in these estimates which may be too large, is the plan of roads, as we have had no decision here on what kind of roads we ought to use, we have up to the present no very full estimate, This figure \$40 for 100 square feet which we have used contemplated a macadam road with a Standard Oil asphaltum cover perhaps 1 1/2" thick. This type of road is used in the British Legation and in other parts of Peking, and we believe is the most satisfactory of all roads in this climate.

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We may be able to put in the macadam part to begin with and put the asphaltum as finish, recommending that on the main campus, road which are to be ultimately 20' should be at first made only 10', while the ~~planting~~ landscaping is made for 20' wide roads, and when funds are available additional 5' be placed at either side of the first road. As we have only contemplated 12' wide roads in residences any method of doing it in two sections does not seem worth while. When I read the telegram to Dr. Stuart he suggested that we add the last part of the message, namely, an appeal for funds to carry on landscaping and roads on the main campus and some improvement of roads between the East Residence Site and the campus. We therefore put in G\$15000 additional needed for this purpose.

✓ We wrote you sometime ago about our endeavors to get additional outside supervision and think we have mentioned Mr. J. B. Wolfe of the American Board Mission. Mr. Chandler, the Secretary of the Mission has telegraphed and we, at his suggestion, added the four words "the Mission endorses the appointment of J. B. Wolfe of the American Board Mission to temporary service in this Mission," we feel sure that you will in each case interpret the word "mission" as university, we ask your help to further in every way his appointment. We also ask about the secretary about whom we have cabled twice already and of whose appointment we have had no word.

✓ The writer has been planning to get away from Haitien for a few days and will probably leave on Saturday. Dr. Stuart is expected on the site this morning and we may have some additions to make to this letter after he has been here.

✓ Railway passenger traffic between Peking and Tientsin has improved greatly during the past week though there is still no freight traffic. The trip between Peking and Paotingfu usually takes about four hours. We had occasion to send a messenger to Paotingfu he has now been away for thirty six hours and we are wondering what has become of him. The country folk have suffered so badly through having their carts and camels commandeered that the price of food has gone up so much that we have not been able to commence hauling sand and pebble for spring work. It looks as though we will have to pay at least 330/o higher than the price of a year ago. We have what we think the necessary steel on order, considerable quantities in Tientsin and some between Tientsin and Shanghai. We wish to acknowledge receipt of documents for the following shipments:

MB ✓ Invoice and second copy of B/L for 2 boxes plumbers brass
and 2 boxes plumbing fixtures;
ex S. S. "Crosskeys"

Invoice, B/L, Insurance Policy for 20 pckgs. of white Lead
ex S. S. Prs. McKinley
Invoice, freight-note and B/L for 2 colli machinery
ex "City of Christiania" sent by the Pedershaab Cementindust
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Besides the approximately 80 tons of steel, 12000 bags of cement, 2 consignments of radiation and boilers, a large quantity of iron bars and other material to hang the heating pipes in the trenches, there is the following list of material in Tientsin waiting for transportation to Haitien.

25 pcs. Channels ex S. S. Shuntien from Shanghai
7 cases Electrical Materials ex S. S. Rheinland
1 box Cast Iron Fittings ex S. S. Pres. Jackson
27 pkgs. Hardware ~ Earthen Bowls ex S. S. Pres. Grant
823 pcs. C. I. Pipe, 122 bundles & one box of C. I.
Pipe Fittings ex S. S. Heffron
47 bcls Galv. Iron Pipe. 183 pcs. Galv. Iron Pipe
(Wrought) ex S. S. Gothic Prince
90 pkgs. of Pipe, etc. ex S. S. Silveray
2 boxes Plumbers Brass & 2 boxes Plumbers Fittings
ex S. S. Crosskeys
1 box Acheson etc. ex S. S. Jason & Shuntien
15 pkgs. of Bath Tubs, etc ex S. S. Pres. Jefferson
3 bundles Pipe Fittings (12 pcs) five hundred pcs.
Pipe, two bundles Pipe Fittings and one box Pipe
Fittings ex S. S. Heffron
35 pkgs. Machinery etc. ex S. S. Patroclus

Yours of December 2nd had just come to our desk. We
note that you still are in doubt as to washtrey plugs and hope
tht our previous letter has cleared this matter up, we shall not
take any further action in regard to the matter leaving it entirely
with you. Also in regard to the 4 cl. 18" peerless radiation we
believe this is all right and will certainly claim for it when the
time comes.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Gregor

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COPY FOR DR. J. L. STUART

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January 12, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
Yenching University Construction Bureau,
Heitien, Peking, West, China.

My dear Gibb:

I enclose a copy of a letter just received from Mr. Place giving his comments upon the blue prints received from Royles, showing the lay-out of the power plant. I have also sent a copy to Mr. Lund.

We had a cablegram from you with reference to Mr. F. F. Wolfe and have also had word from Dr. Barton that he has had a similar cable from the A.B.C.F.M. Mission. We have not yet heard from Mr. Wolfe, who is in the south. We shall do all we can to follow the matter up.

I wonder whether it has occurred to you that it might be possible to secure, for a year, the services of Mr. Alexander G. Small of Nanking, who is thoroughly capable of supervising construction? I think that the building program should be easing up a bit about this time, although, I am not absolutely certain of this. I am sure that the Trustees of Nanking and Peking would agree to such an arrangement for a year.

You should not hesitate to take measures to insure adequate inspection of building operations; an extra one or two thousand dollars is not too much to pay for protection against trouble which might arise in the future because of inadequate supervision, due to too heavy a volume of work for the number of persons engaged in it.

I think I have not acknowledged your letters of November 6th, 9th, 23rd, 27th, 30th and December 3rd. We have done our best to get Mr. Murphy out of the country before this, but have not yet succeeded. I am hoping to get him out in the next couple of weeks.

In any case, I do not think that you need to be anxious concerning the problem of building more dormitories for use during the school year 1926-7. We are going to have a stiff enough time to clean up all the extra items involved in the buildings, grounds, residences, and power plant which have already been spent or must be spent.

I am writing you a separate letter concerning the stacks for the Library.

In general, with reference to the specifications on these new buildings, it is part of our new arrangement with Mr. Murphy whereby at the reduced percentage

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now in his contract, specifications are not required. The general specifications, of course, apply, and where detailed problems are involved, I do not hesitate to take them up with him and clear them in conference, without asking for detailed specifications unless they prove to be necessary.

In connection with the Woman's College Gymnasium, I have suggested to Mrs. Boys that she suggest to Mrs. Frame that Miss Morrison schedule the kind of equipment she desires to have installed, making as full a list as she needs, and that we then go as far as the funds of the Yenching College Committee permit in buying the items here and sending them over. As I think of the matter, I doubt if any specifications are needed. As soon as the plans go to you, I hope to cover in a memorandum any things which have come out in our discussions here which may not seem to be fully covered in the plans.

U 4/21/36
As I cabled you, we are going ahead with the purchase of the domestic hot water pipe, the electric cable and wire, and the sewer ejectors. I have already placed the order for the two Shone ejectors and I judge that they will be delivered in New York in about three weeks. The revised figures for the domestic hot water pipe are not yet in hand, but indications are that they will be in a day or two, and indications are that this item too can be ready in about three weeks time. I expect word about the electric cables tomorrow. We shall do all we can to get these materials on the field at the earliest moment.

The prints taken from the top of the power station are very welcome and give us an increasingly satisfactory visualization of the development. We have cabled asking for individual pictures of each of the buildings and of each of the residences in its present state. These are needed for campaign purposes and the cost involved is justified.

Your letter of November 19th makes clear the basis upon which the amount asked for by the engineers is to be calculated. This was not clear in the earlier correspondence and we are glad to have this information. So far as further action on our part is involved, however, we shall await more complete information from you, in response to our previous letter.

The Committee on Finance would like to know a little more about how we happen to be able to accommodate a GOLF COURSE. I have my suspicions that it will be something of a rough and ready, tin cup course, notable for natural hazards. The Committee on Finance seemed ready to object strenuously to having a country club feature developed upon the University's property, and felt that this would be rather detrimental to the atmosphere in which our campaign for funds has been conducted.

Upon this point, will you kindly indicate why the Lan Ch'i property was purchased at such a considerable distance from the University? We have not had here sufficient information at all along the line with reference to the items of land which have been purchased, the location of the items, and the needs for them. We hope that the completion of the survey, together with additional data which we hope you will send us, will make it possible for us to defend your action in buying the land before the Committee on Finance. You are very likely wise in making these purchases, but I have to prove that to the Committee on Finance.

I shall take up the matter of the revolving doors and after checking with Mr. Bocker, I shall see whether we cannot produce something satisfactory to you. Do you want me to go ahead and purchase, as soon as I can find a satisfactory item which is reasonable in cost?

We note your comment upon the selection of telephones. You do not indicate whether you are preparing to buy them out there or whether you wish us to do something about them here. We have a brief memorandum, left by Dr. Stuart when he was here,

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concerning the number of telephones required and similar items. If you want me to go into the matter thoroughly, with advice here as to what is most practical, will you not send me a memorandum of just what the Grounds & Buildings Committee approves as covering the necessary number of telephones and the locations, and similar data, so that I may proceed? I think the scheme should be stated so as to show the minimum first installations and the maximum future development. This, I understand, is for the interior private exchange of the University and not for connection with the city telephone system.

I should like to know more about the plan for the Building of the Department of Agriculture and its location.

I have already written you concerning the stage of the auditorium.

We are still awaiting the receipt of the survey referred to in your letter of November 27th. It would be desirable for us to have here three copies, but you need not start these until we notify you whether the form in which you are expecting to send the first one need be repeated in the case of the others. I shall try to advise you as to the status of the infirmary plans before very long.

Referring to your letter of November 30th, we are grateful to you for the cablegram indicating the order in which you desire to have the required items furnished. The reason why I wrote Mr. Lund on the matter was because a letter of his happened to raise the question and I assumed that the matter was primarily an engineering problem.

We know about how much the electric mains, the domestic hot water pipe and the ejectors will cost; we need to know, however, more regarding the gas mains and the trenches.

Do you desire us to purchase the gas mains? If so, send us specifications and bills of materials, and we will buy them as soon as we can. If you are going to buy them in China, please send us, as soon as possible, a figure that will cover the cost. We know how much the gas producers will cost.

Please also advise us as to what you expect it will cost to finish the trenches beyond the amounts which you have already drawn on the H.F.L & S. account. In reporting this, please indicate the number of the last draft drawn, so that I may know at what point your calculation begins.

It is entirely right for you to retain Mr. Gernow as Consulting Structural Engineer until the present buildings are completed.

With reference to damaged goods:

1. Referring to your letter of August 5th concerning a complaint as to damages to enameled lavatories reported by your storekeeper, we have already reported the action of Simmons with reference to part of this item; in the case of the other lavatories, we wrote you, under date of October 30th, that such complaint should be accompanied by affidavits as to the damage and the location of the responsibility for the damage. We entered claim with the insurance company for \$344.30. The insurance company has made us an offer of \$175.00 which we regard as liberal in view of the fact that according to all your reports, the damages were not discovered until after the goods had been stored on the premises for eight months and that it is impossible to determine where the damages occurred, the insurance covering the merchandise only in transit.

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Inasmuch as the affidavits have not come by this time, we are accepting this offer and will await your instructions as to exactly what should be purchased to replace the damaged goods.

2. Referring to your letter of December 3d, reporting the break in heating mains piece #178, we have entered a replacement order with Cornell & Underhill, and they have entered a claim upon the steamship company for the value of the fitting, as they do not think the insurance covers breakage. If you have any data as to where the breakage occurred or, for that matter, the point where the breakage was first discovered, and can send us an affidavit to that effect, it might be of help in recovering the charges.

With reference to your complaint as to our supposed failure to send you original bills of lading in time for you to surrender them for the goods, I have to report that with reference to Mr. Bocker's bills of lading, his instructions upon this matter, when he first began to fill your orders, were not sent to him by us, and we supposed that they had been sent by you. When we found, however, that we were having to pay for goods upon the presentation of letters advising us of the amounts, but not containing evidence of shipment, it became necessary for us to ask him to furnish us something in the way of a bill of lading. Under date of October 15, 1925, we wrote him stating that "two negotiable bills of lading should be sent to China, one to Mr. Gibb and the other to the American Express Company and two copies, non-negotiable copies, to us". One of these non-negotiable copies later comes to you.

With reference to all shipment sent from New York, our instructions to the firms shipping are to send one set of papers, which includes the negotiable bill of lading, directly to the American Express Company at Tientsin, and three sets, of which two sets contain negotiable bills of lading, to us at once. Within twenty-four hours of its receipt in this office, one set of these papers, containing a negotiable bill of lading, is mailed to you; another set, containing sometimes a negotiable and sometimes a non-negotiable bill of lading, is sent to Mr. Krause with the monthly accounts, for his records. We do not undertake to send to you at the time of shipment the documents which Mr. Bocker has instructions to send to you.

Referring to your letter of December 3d, I have already sent you a copy of my letter to Galloways, under date of January 7th, with reference to the additional water meter, which you will note we have ordered. We note also the requirement for additional accessories, and if you will refer to this letter to Galloways, you will notice that we have paid Galloways for materials which were never reported to us from the field as having been ordered. May I again urge that before we are required to pay invoices here we be sent specific information as to all the materials ordered, in order that we may avoid any risks, either of overpayment, or of delay in authorizing the shipments of materials?

You will have understood from Mrs. Frame, I presume, that further building operations upon the Woman's College Gymnasium are not to be carried on until new authorization is given from here, quite irrespective of the fact that this could proceed. It happens that the cost of the Woman's College share of the Power Plant has brought them to the point where it has been a choice, for the time being, between the Gymnasium and the Power Plant, and they have wisely chosen the Power Plant. They are seeking to raise a single gift for the Gymnasium. I will see that you have word of this as soon as it can be released.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

January 14, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb,
Yenching University, Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West, China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

LIBRARY STACK AND SHELVING

I enclose herewith copy of my letter to Dr. Bostwick who has recently been in China and who is one of the most capable librarians in the United States. This will indicate the judgment that we have in hand with reference to the type of material that should be used. As it appears to us here, these are the questions that are involved:

1. Shelving in the Reference Room: Dr. Bostwick recommends wooden shelves. I presume your difficulties with use of wood in the casements do not extend to the interiors and that you can probably have the wooden shelves necessary made on the spot for the reference room. It is my judgment that the shelves, the tables, the doors, and the staff desks and chairs should all be of the same finish. The general tone of walnut or dark oak and dull rubbed is better than a light color and a high finish, as the latter will reflect the glare of light in the eyes of the readers especially if the sun enters the room. We shall assume that you will make this material in Peking and that we are to do nothing toward purchasing, unless you send us schedules of what you want.
2. The Shelves in the Balcony forming the Alcove: These it would seem to me might better be of steel as a wooden range standing free of the wall, except at one end, is more likely to be unsteady than the structurally fastened steel. We however await your judgment upon this and will not purchase until you cable us as indicated below.
3. With reference to the stack shelving itself, it is apparent that this should be steel in the form recommended by Dr. Bostwick.

It is our intention to order at this time, subject to word from you by cable, only one-half of the stack under the roof, as this is undoubtedly more than enough to accommodate the present number of books in the library.

You will note Dr. Bostwick's suggestion that this shelving could be turned out in China. I am wondering whether the effort of securing it is worth the trouble.

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Mr. J. McGregor Gibb.

I doubt very much if this has ever been made in China as it would be necessary to see the full set of exact patterns and solve sundry technical problems in fitting all of the equipments with fully interchangeable parts and in having the finish properly applied. My guess is, that the total amount of stack required, even assuming we were to completely furnish the library with all the shelving needed would approximate \$4,000.00, perhaps a bit more. I do not think that the manufacture of these in China is worth the delay and the extra burden upon you for seeing that it is carried out right unless you know that such material is actually available and can be readily secured in China. Unless it can be thus readily obtained, we believe you should authorize us to purchase it here, which we will do on receipt of cablegram from you as indicated below.

1. If you cable us CUNYINSTACK "buy stack", we will purchase the stack for the balcony alcove and for one-half of the third story stack room.
2. If you cable CUNYHALFOR STACK "buy all stack", we will purchase the stack for the balcony alcove and for the entire stack room.
3. If you cable CUNYINAEGB STACK "buy top stack", we will not buy the balcony alcove stack but will buy one-half of the stack room stack.
4. If you cable CUNYHALFOR YAEGBSTACK "buy all top stack", we will not purchase the stack for the balcony alcoves but will purchase all of the stack for the entire stack room.

All of this is contingent to some degree upon our being able to secure the additional funds necessary to complete the library. We therefore ask you to go over again, very carefully, the cost required to complete and furnish the library, exclusive only of the books and whatever stack item you ask us to buy. This means that your estimate should include the wooden shelving on the first floor tables, desks, librarians desks, reading lights, etc.etc., Please cable us this figure. We do not want to know how much it will cost beyond what you have already spent. What we want to know is, the total over all cost completed, exclusive of whatever stack items you wish us to purchase here.

Cardially yours,

Secretary,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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Enclosure
Copy to Dr. Stuart

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CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

18 January 1926

Dr. Eric M. North
Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

My dear Dr. North:

We are in receipt of your cablegram which we decipher to read:

"Cost improvements compound does not agree with your letter August 14, 52; indicates total amount approximately U.S. \$35,000. Telegraph immediately corrected figures for each, also what is the total expenditure campus to date not including architect's fees. Send earliest possible moment photographs of each building and each residence as they are."

and we have answered it as follows:

"The figures of improvements as per our cablegram sent to you on January 6, 1926 are a close estimate. We have already spent on the campus U.S. \$10,000.00. In our cable of January 6 we did not include funds already spent as you will have had these in our monthly balance sheets and as your cable asked for improvements contemplated and did not include, at least as we read it, sums already spent. We have not checked up your figures shown in the telegram of G\$35,000.00, but believe that our cable showing close to \$18,000 did not materially omit any items necessary. You will have had details of this in our last letter.

In the figure G\$10,000.00 already spent on the campus there is included the \$5,000 local currency paid to Lund, Gernow & Co. for their survey.

We have also to acknowledge the letter of December 9 with the blue prints enclosed. The writer does not think that the suggested change in the stage will meet with the approval of the Faculty Committee which went into this matter sometime ago. You have already had blue prints which show the results of their deliberations on this matter. Personally it seems to me we must decide whether we are building a stage that is going to be used for a great deal of dramatic work or whether we should not be contented with a small and sometimes possibly inadequate stage, which in the main will be all that is needed and which will enable the University to have a greater use of the space shown as half of the lecture room in your drawings.

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✓ We still feel that Mr. Murphy's drawings are not adequate to enable us to build the louvres on the end of the Administration Building, but we will proceed to make some drawings here and build the fixtures as we think he means them to be built.

X } The graves which we have seen most seriously troubled about are those of Mrs. H. S. Vincent and of the small son of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis. The matter is very complicated; there is a small group who wish that the University establish a grave-yard either independently or in connection with some other institution here. There is another group, of whom the writer is one, who feel that the foreign part of the university personnel can well afford to support a grave-yard outside of the west wall of Peking city as this place is recognized by the British and American Legations and, probably, in Treaties with China and in case of disturbances will be protected if any such protection is possible. Perhaps the large portion of the university staff is indifferent to this grave-yard question. In the meantime the two graves on the campus are not removed and should another death occur among our group it will be very difficult to prevent further interments being made. This is not a subject on which any committee locally wish to take very drastic action, while if we had a trustees' action setting a date by which the graves must be removed, the interested parties would either have to remove to the foreign cemeteries already established or hasten the action on some new burial ground. I believe the Chinese graves on the ~~site~~ property will slowly be removed or if they are in the way of other building operations, we can easily make some dispositions ourselves.

W } The third paragraph on page 2 gives us considerable cause for thought. We are proceeding to hang the heating mains, we have put in a considerable amount of the sewage, in fact it is all in, with the exception of the long cast iron mains which we know are on the way from America as pointed out in a recent letter. The only expense left in regard to making the heating trenches is in making and placing a cover and waterproofing it. This we had been expecting to do as rapidly as we got the mains in place and tested out. When the electric cable arrives we will instal the same unless we have instructions not to do so. In other words we have been working on the theory ~~that~~ ^{of} finishing up as quickly as possible except when there is a great deal of expensive material needed when we have waited for authorization or for the purchase for this material by yourself.

✓ We have had a week's vacation hunting in the hills outside of the Nan K'ou Pass and have shot three small deer and a few birds. ~~While~~ ^{While} is more important, we have spent eight hours in the open every day for a week and come back much refreshed. The Grounds and Buildings Committee will meet to-morrow when we will have to send you another letter.

Very sincerely yours,

JMG:L

Ernest Ingersoll

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Dr. Eric M. North
Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

The Grounds & Buildings Committee met on the 19th. Several actions were taken which will require explanation. GB.867 - Dr. Stuart feels certain that these five houses can be financed from some of the funds accruing from the Harvard-Hall endowment. We have not yet had time to see Prince Tsai T'ao, but anticipate that he will be quite willing to acquiesce in this matter.

GB.868 - *School* this small house is to be financed from funds which the parents expect to advance and will not become a charge on the University. We have had no reply from the people from whom we rent the grave yard yet.

GB.869-2- *Wu* this house is one for which up to the present we have found no use among those rented from Prince Tsai T'ao. The change suggested is quite extensive, but we think, quite worth while. The running water will be somewhat of a problem. If many more houses are considered in this garden it will probably pay us to attach it to the main water supply as we are planning to do with the East Residence Compound.

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GB.874 - the writer believes that an action from the Trustees laying down the principle that as a general rule building should be commenced at the edge of the property and worked toward the centre, rather than the buildings should be dotted all over the campus, would have a good effect. This would tend either to keep our buildings together or, if there is to be any considerable part of the campus without buildings, it would ~~would~~ keep this in one large plot in the centre. You will recall that in '21 the university buildings were brought as close as convenient to the north-west corner; the Men's Dormitories were started in the first instance along the north boundary, while the Women's Dormitories were begun in what was then the south-west side, leaving the whole south-east and central section of the campus for future development. Dr. Vincent would have us put his Leather Department in what would be the approximate centre of the P'u Lun tract. This would leave the whole southern end as an odd bit of ground for which it would be difficult to find a future use. Sometime ago we had a similar request from the Department of Agriculture which would like to place a building to the east of the Sage Memorial, near the spot marked "ruined temple" in the original survey. The writer would prefer to have them put their building as far south of this point as possible, near the southern boundary of the present campus. Their request was not acted upon by the Committee, but has been left open. We were, however, successful in having them put their dairy barn in the extreme south-east corner. The Department of Education is going to be another problem. They will probably wish to begin to build somewhere about the northern end of the P'u Lun

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tract and have their buildings gradually work south. Their plea will be the question of distance from the other buildings. In my opinion the question of conservation of ground area might outweigh the question of distance, and they should be asked to erect their first buildings as close to the Department of Leather Tanning as convenient, and put their subsequent buildings nearer to the centre of the campus. I do not know whether the Trustees will care to take an action in regard to this matter of location of buildings or not.

✓ GB.872-3- The Cooperative Stores are considering a rather large program. As this matter is comparatively new and untried, and when it has been tried on a small scale, found very difficult in management, the writer thinks that at the start a minimum investment of funds should be urged. It is therefore suggested that present buildings be utilized rather than new buildings made. You will notice that this matter has not been settled yet.

✓ GB.876- the question of roads to and from the East Residence Compound in particular is becoming a very pressing one. For nine months of the year the condition of weather is such that one can go with hardly a thought of road, but during and immediately after the summer rains even the best roads are frequently nearly useless. We had thought that a road leading directly away from the south-west corner of the East Residence Compound to the east boundary of the campus near the power station would be the best in this case. In talking with M. Huang since this Committee meeting we raised the question whether the western extremity of this road is really a thoroughfare or not. He is at present investigating this point. This road with the addition of one aqueduct and some slight filling could be made passable in all weather, except for one short stretch where there is a low place at the juncture of two village streets the negotiation of which will cause considerable difficulty. My fear is that once the University undertakes these public utilities, the local authorities will wish to put the whole burden of their up-keep on the university's budget. Tsing Hua College supports nearly two miles of road outside of its own campus. We cannot see where Peking University will have funds for such use. The writer is almost ready to suggest to undergo such inconveniences as is necessary and make only the minimum of improvements on outside connections at the same time trying to insist that the local authorities carry the burden of all improvements. The road north of the East Residence Compound, to the Tsing Hua motor road runs alongside of a piece of property now in possession of Hsing Hsi Ling, the patron of the Western Hills orphanage. It is suggested that we get in touch with him and tell him that we have but a \$1000 for the purpose of road building and ask him to undertake to do the road, we providing this sum of money and he providing the rest.

✓ GB.878-879. The actions in regard to the Library Building I think are all clear with the exception of the matter about the bridge. Dean Hung had personally suggested that we take this bridge out on the ground that it interfered with the view of the ceiling above and that it was considered bad by some Chinese to have somebody stand above them.

GB.886- in regard to this vote we feel that if we do not get bricks, sand and pebble hauled at this time there will be little use trying to work on the Women's Gymnasium until a year from the coming March. We have already ordered the steel for this building and considerable other material as we understood it was authorized

two or more years ago. Considerable amount of granite for the granite base has been on the site for eighteen months or more. We have also had delivered pebbles, sand, and bricks alongside of the first site of this building, and when it has been so long delayed and finally moved to a new location we have at considerable expense used the materials in other places or moved them further south.

GB.887- Mr. Lund is in such a nervous state as to make it almost impossible for him to continue with the University or for anyone here to work with him. This action was taken so as to give the writer authority to meet his frequent and unpleasant objections to conditions as they are out here. He left Haitien quite sick on the 14th after several days of dragging himself around the work. He spent a few hours with us yesterday and considered your letter of November 28, and last night we sent you the following cable:

"Referring to your letter of the 28th November of last year (to) Lund the dimensions are suitable according to plan. Wire probable date of arrival (of) Murphy." Mr. Lund finds that the figures as shown on the drawing enclosed in your letter and titled No.3 Form A Ejector, Peking University, dated 10/24/25 will meet all the requirements of the University. We hope that the matter is quite clear and that the thing can go forward. We also included an inquiry as to the date of Mr. Murphy's arrival as other people's movements largely depend on his coming and going. At present Dr. Stuart has decided not to attend some important conferences in Shanghai lest he should miss Mr. Murphy's visit by so doing.

The matter of telephone service will have to be taken up in a later letter.

Your letter of December 15 in by this morning's mail, we note the error in the B/L and will act accordingly. Also the copy of a letter from E. A. Julie. We take it that our cable of yesterday answers this question, that is that the total head will not be over 20'.

The matter of purchasing materials goes on apace, we paid for 50000 bricks this morning for Refectory No.1 at \$10.50, best quotation up to a few days ago when it was \$13.00, this is the advantage of purchasing just before the Chinese New Year, we have about twenty days before that date. Another bit for the athletic field will be paid for this afternoon, original asking price \$800 or more, our offer - \$600, and we have bought for \$620. We shall probably have to draw three or four more drafts against you during the next twenty days after which there will be a lull in the drawing.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. G. G. G. G.

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Copies to: Mr. Warner
Mr. Krause.

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RECEIVED
January 27, 1926.

TRANSFER

Mr. John M. Gibb,
Construction Bureau,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

Dear Mr. Gibb:

We are in receipt of the letter dated December 10, which The Robert Dollar Company wrote you covering the shortages of certain bills of lading.

Please note that only one of these bills of lading applied to shipments from our office. This one was on the S. S. Crosskeys and contained 4 boxes of plumbing fittings which they report were received on October 23, by the American Express Company. Please note also that under the terms of Letter of Credit No. 8604 issued by The Irving Bank in New York, we were instructed to send all of the original documents to the New York office at 150 Fifth Avenue. This, of course, was done through the bank in negotiating the Letter of Credit. We sent you a non-negotiable copy of the bill of lading in order that you might have a record of the shipment. In a letter to us written on October 25, by the New York office we notice that they say that they sent you a copy of the bill of lading and of the insurance policy.

We are very sorry, indeed, that you have evidently not received the originals of these documents. We trust, however, that you will not feel that we are in any way to blame. I may add at this time that our last arrangements with Dr. North's office is to send one copy of the bill of lading, insurance policy, and invoice to the American Express Company on each shipment so that we may avoid this sort of difficulty in the future.

Trusting that this may answer any further question which you may have and assuring you that we are always glad to run down problems which may arise, we are

Yours very truly,

B/B
CC Dr. North

L. M. Bocker

QUOTATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.
ALL AGREEMENTS CONTINGENT UPON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS OR OTHER CONDITIONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

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CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

27 January 1926

To action

Dr. Eric M. North
Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U. S. A.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. North:

✓ Herewith a copy of a letter to Mr. Bocker and a copy of the list of hardware about which we are writing to him. We hope that you will see fit to allow him to fill the order as we should have this material here at the very earliest possible date.

✓ The day before yesterday we received your telegram asking what the head of the ejectors was and we telegraphed you the same day: "The head is 20 ft." We hope this cleared that matter up so that the ejectors can come forward.

✓ We were yesterday finally able to get copies of the survey into the hands of the shop which mounts pictures and we hope that within a day or two it will be mounted in such a way that it can be sent forward to New York without any serious damage. This whole survey is in such large sheets that it is very difficult to make prints of it and once the prints are made it is difficult to use and handle them.

✓ A week ago we thought we had 10 railway cars for handling the freight, but the new military activities have again upset the railways and we are still without any of the material which has been in Tientsin for so long. We are hoping every day that the situation will clear up so that some of this material may come forward.

Very sincerely yours,

JMG:L

J. M. Gigney

Enc.: photographs, copies of letters

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

January 27, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
Yenching University Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West, China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

I am glad to report that yesterday the Committee on Instruction approved the appointment of Miss Mary Louise Coleman as an additional secretary at the University, with the expectation that she would probably be assigned to the Construction Bureau. Miss Coleman has had considerable business experience of her own as an interior decorator and has also had secretarial training and experience and I am sure that you will find her a very genuine help in the work and I hope that the pressure of your tasks will not be so heavy that you will not be able to help her to get thoroughly familiar with them so that she may the more effectively relieve you at points where she can. She will sail on February 20th on the Empress of Canada from Vancouver, due in Yokohama on March 4th. If the way is clear, she will come to Peking via Mukden, carrying the extra cost herself, if there is any. She will find out what the conditions are when she reaches Japan, and I shall instruct her to wire President Stuart by which route she is coming. If you have an urgent recommendation, one way or the other, wire her at the arrival of the steamer at Yokohama. We shall send you word of her appointment by cablegram, in a day or two, along with other matters.

ELECTRIC LIGHT FIXTURES.

It has taken us some time to get from Mr. Bocker the revised figures on the additional type of electric light fixture which we wanted him to check up on. The comparative costs of the gold finishes and the acid bronze finish are indicated by the following table:

<u>Cat. #46</u>				<u>Old Gold</u>	<u>Acid Bronze</u>
Page 28	Vestibules	#2	Fixture & Glass	6" Balls \$.60 ea.	\$.75 ea.
" 34	Halls	2108	" " "	9" X-L 1.95 "	2.20 "
" 25	Din. & Liv.	1283	Fixture only	2.45 "	3.10 "
" 26	Bed Rooms	1334	" "	1.40 "	1.80 "

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January 27, 1926.

I am sending you under another cover samples of the old gold, blue gold, and acid bronze finishes as furnished by Mr. Bocker. It seems to us here that the acid bronze is the more permanent finish as it will show dust much less; this was also chosen for use in Panama because of its freedom from corrosion and spotting. We feel, however, that the dark tone of the acid bronze for folks who are going to live in the residences might be objectionable, and presume, therefore that it would be desirable to select one of the other finishes for this use. I do not think it wise, in any case, to get the brushed brass, as that does not stand up at all well. Our recommendation would be that we get the acid bronze at any rate for the College buildings and that we leave it to the Grounds and Buildings Committee to decide what finish is desired for the residences, suggesting that it might be desirable to have the same finishes in all the residences.

In connection with the use of the acid bronze finish for the College buildings, it would be well to have the face plates of the electric light push buttons supplied in the same finish, unless you have already secured these. It is accepted as good taste to have the fixtures and face plates correspond, although this is not absolutely necessary.

The following are Mr. Bocker's quotations for the white enamel fixtures and glass and for the glass bowls alone: (Cat. #46)

Page 30	Bath Rooms	1394	White Enamel Keyless #499 Shade	
" 25	Rooms	3963	14x12 White Bowls only	\$ 31.59 dz.
" 25	"	2226	" " " " "	24.30 "
Cut	"	244	" " " " "	24.30 "
Page 42	"	1993	" " " " "	19.44 "
" 43	"	226	" " " " "	24.30 "
Decorating above 14" bowls \$6.00 per doz. extra				
Page 30	Toilets	2108	White enamel 9" X-L	2.10 ea.
" 30	"	3	" " 3008 Velval	1.20 "
" 41	Bed Room	1938	White Shades only	4.86 dz..
" 41	" "	1944	" " "	4.86 dz.
" 42	" "	1970	" " "	4.86 "
" 42	" "	2007	" " "	4.86 "
" 44	" "	2003	" " "	4.86 "
" 43	" "	5273	" " "	6.48 "
" 43	" "	227	" " "	8.10 "
" 44	" "	2227	" " "	8.10 "
Cut		3944	" " "	7.02 "
Decorating above Bed Room Shades \$3.00 per doz. extra.				

In coming to your conclusions, please give careful consideration to my letter of October 8th in which I went into this matter before, noting that it is also necessary to include in the order a statement as to the height of the ceilings of the rooms into which the fixtures are to go.

When you have reached your conclusions upon these matters, I see no reason why you should not proceed to place the order, not only for the residences, but also for the College buildings. On so important a matter as fixtures, I presume it would be wise to consult the Woman's College with reference to the fixtures for their buildings. I think we must be careful not to have the fixtures too uniform, where variety is desirable.

When you place this order, do not fail to send us a complete duplicate of the order so that we may be sure that the things you wanted are being shipped and paid for.

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MR. MURPHY.

We have been doing our best to get Mr. Murphy loose, but he is tied up with the settlement of accounts of a contractor on a New Haven building for which he is the architect and owner's representative. I hope to cable you definitely the first of the week. We have been most distressed at the delay and have done all we could to get him off.

EJECTOR HEAD.

I enclose the confirmation of our cable of January 23rd to which you have replied to the effect that the ejector head is twenty feet. Your cable giving the dimensions did not seem to me to cover specifically the open question of the head which was the chief item involved in the inquiry I made of you and I thought it best to make sure before proceeding. The order for this ejector has now been placed.

COMPLAINTS ON CRANE FITTINGS.

I have a letter from the Crane Export Corporation dated December 31, 1925, referring to yours to them of November 10th. I am at a loss to see how you expect us to secure clearance with the Crane Corporation upon faulty fittings when you did not specify to us whether the fittings are ells or tees, of what size they are, or of what material, or upon what specific invoice they were listed, as it may be that some of the Crane fittings were not purchased directly from the Crane Corporation. We should be very glad to help to clear such matters, but it is impossible for us to do so unless you give us adequate information.

ESTIMATES FOR COST OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, RESIDENCE COMPOUND.

We have your cable of January 16th stating that the cost of improvements as given for the residence compounds in your cable of January 6th is correct in spite of your letter of August 14th of last year. I must confess that I cannot understand how you arrive at such figures in view of the estimates made in your letter, and I can only hope that there is no mistake and that we shall not make the grave error of asking donors for too little to cover these expenses.

MR. JESSE B. WOLFE.

We are doing our best to get Mr. Wolfe to return for a year or so to assist in the supervision. We are not yet certain, but as soon as we are, I shall cable you.

GAS MAINS.

You will have already my letter concerning the gas mains and the necessity that we know whether you will buy them in Peking or wish us to buy them in New York. I hope to cable you before long authorization to complete the gas mains and the trenches. This ought to make it possible to cover over the digging and get everything under ground. I am supposing that the best thing to do in the matter of the gas mains is to buy them and get them under ground without waiting to buy the gas plant itself, in order that the trenches may be fully covered up:

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University

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Copy to Dr. Stuart

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CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

4 February 1926

Dr. Eric M. North
c/o Peking University
150 Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. North:

The Grounds and Buildings Committee met just a week ago, but things have been so busy in the office that we have not been able to write you. There are, however, only one or two matters which are pressing.

If we are to have the Hospital ready by late fall it is absolutely essential that work be commenced in March, hence the action of the Committee as shown in GB 893. We have telegraphed several times to find out when Mr. Murphy was arriving, as we have had no answer we are led to believe that he has not yet left the States nor has he fixed a date for his departure. It would seem therefore that the part of this action which requires Mr. Murphy's approval can hardly be worked out at this end. We are again sending you some prints of the hospital as it now stands. We believe you have received from time to time copies of these drawings as they have been developed. If we can have a complete authorization from New York by wire immediately upon receipt of this letter we will be able to proceed with the work. As to the location, if left to ourselves, we will locate the building as shown in Mr. Murphy's original layout. In the region immediately south-west of where the pagoda now is.

The piece of property mentioned as belonging to the Li family in the north west corner of the East Residence Site has been bought for \$1000. There are still two or three owners there who are anxious to sell, but who havenot yet come to the price we are going to pay. If these places are bought we will own the whole front edge along the road on the north side of the west end of the residence site. Ultimately the University will be able to put three more residences on these plots, in the meantime their occupation by undesirable neighbors will be impossible.

These are all the matters that arise out of these minutes, except the question of Mr. Lund. The writer has been forced to come to the conclusion that he is not at present in such a nervous condition as enables him to do business in a logical manner. Months ago the Grounds and Buildings Committee endeavored to clear up the financial relations between the firm and the University, he declined to act as he had still no reply to his letter to the Trustees of September. The local committee wished the matter cleared up partly because they felt that it being unsettled

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worried Mr. Lund, partly because they wished the whole situation cleared before the beginning of the year. Mr. Lund denied that the finance situation was worrying him. Later a cable from New York did not authorize us to clear the matter up and it has hung fire up to the present. A few days before the meetings of the Committee Mr. Lund called on Dr. Stuart complaining that the matter was not cleared up and asked that it be put on the agenda. Everybody has since been so busy that the Committee appointed at that time have not met. Since the meeting of the Grounds and Buildings Committee Mr. Lund's health has been such that no one on the site is able to work with him. Yesterday morning on my request Dr. Stuart and Mr. Barker had an interview with Mr. Lund and insisted upon his having a month's holiday. He has consented to a holiday, but is not planning to be away a full month. The writer will try to have the Committee at its next meeting insist on the full month and prepare some action for Mr. Lund which will arrange matters so that if he cannot come back to us at the end of the month in ever so much better health he will retire from the service of the University. This will be a serious matter, but not so serious as if his carrying on would lead to the retirement of two or three members of the staff. I write this early so that the Trustees may be prepared for a telegram asking them to send out a mechanical and electrical engineer if necessary. I believe you have had before you the name of a Mr. Clark who has had considerable experience in the Far East. It might be well to look up his qualifications and at the same time look up any one else who may be available. It is possible that we will only be in the need of a man until the end of October.

We are today telegraphing to Mr. Bocker asking him about an order for fittings which we sent to him and to the Trustees and of which we have heard nothing as far as we can find in our records. If this has not been filled will you please allow Mr. Bocker to fill it immediately?

Very sincerely yours,

J. M. McGregor

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Copies to Mr. F. Warner
Mr. O. J. Krause

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CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

9 February 1926

Dr. Eric M. North
c/o Peking University
150 Fifth Ave.
New York

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. North:

Ordered

We are enclosing herewith a sheet for four different types of electric wire. This has been prepared by our electrician as wire necessary for the South Residence Compound. Will you please order and ship us at the earliest possible date. We are also enclosing a letter to Mr. Bocker asking for additional hardware.

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Copies of your letters to Dr. Stuart and Mr. Krause are on my desk. I am greatly disturbed over the financial situation. We here are doing all we can to keep the costs as low as possible. I personally am discouraging the undertaking of any advance work, feeling that we should plan to carry on as best we can with such accommodation as is now on the way. On the other hand the administrative side of the University see the difficulties which crowded quarters, uncomfortably housed faculty, bad communications between buildings and between the main campus and the residences and other uncomfortable situations, too many to mention, will bring about. I, however, feel that we here must be permitted to carry on and make payments as they come due on all the work undertaken up to the present.

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Dr. Stuart has turned over to me your cable of a few days ago showing the conditions ^{under} which Mr. Wolfe would be willing to come to China. We are at present looking toward the Presbyterian Missions in Manchuria for some help in this line. If their man, Mr. Taylor becomes available we can get along without Mr. Wolfe. We also are in correspondence with a man who has been connected with the Mission (Union) Architects Bureau in Shanghai. We will cable you as soon as anything definite is decided.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Gage

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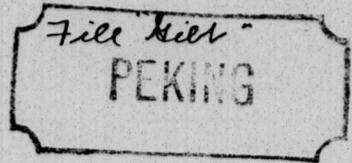
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Mr. T. L. Barker

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9 February 1926

TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North
c/o Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U.S. A.

Dear Dr. North:

We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of yours dated December 28th and 29th with confirmation of telegram sent on December 24 and shipping documents covering two shipments from Cornell & Under-Hill ex S. S. "Belfast Maru" as well as the papers covering a consignment of electrical equipment sent by the "President Adams".

We are sending you enclosed a few photographs which you may need for publicity work, as these are only copies of pictures sent you before.

Sincerely yours,

H. Laukert

Enc. Photographs

Secretary

P. S. We are also enclosing a copy of an additional order for plumbing materials sent to Mr. Bocker today. *H.L.*

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

February 11, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
Yenching University Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West, China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum which we are handing to Mr. Murphy before he leaves for China. Copies of this memorandum have also been sent to Mrs. Frame and to Dr. Stuart. We have done everything here we could to get Mr. Murphy out to the field sooner and we hope that he coming now will be early enough so that his visit will not interfere with your taking up building operations in the early spring.

We know that Mr. Murphy makes mistakes, just as the rest of us do, and we are not convinced that his judgment, or anyone else's judgment, is always final, but we believe that out of the process of careful consultation on the many intricate points involved, we shall secure a better result than if we went ahead without consultation. A number of the members of the Trustees' Property Committee are most anxious that such a conference should be successfully carried through.

I have a great raft of mail from you, due to the reopening of rail communication between Tientsin and Peking, and I hope shortly to be able to write you upon a number of items in it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

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TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North
c/o Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. North:

✓ The Grounds and Buildings Committee held its regular meeting yesterday and even though the minutes will not be in this letter there are one or two points which we wish to bring to the attention of the Trustees so that we may have answers from them at the earliest possible date. The matter of the rearrangement of the stage was referred back to the Faculty Committee which first raised objections to the old arrangement. It seems to be the feeling of some of the members of the Grounds & Buildings Committee that this faculty committee will not favor the suggestions in Mr. Murphy's last drawings.

The Committee voted not to let contracts for either the Wiant or the Nash house at this time. This was because of your letter to Dr. Stuart in regard to finances. It also voted not to purchase any nursery stock for planting on the campus at this time, also for financial reasons. It also authorized the Secretary to write to New York saying that unless we have cable instructions to the contrary we will proceed to cast the first floor slab of the Women's Gymnasium.

*Write
Mr. Ross*

The foundations of this buildings are in place, all the forms for the first floor are also in place, the steel for this Building was bought months ago and is in Tientsin waiting for the opening of railway traffic so as to be transported to Haitien. As the steel is purchased it must be paid for, it is better for it to be used than to be stored. We cannot have the forms stay indefinitely over the foundation of the building. If we do not cast the slab we must remove the forms and leave some unsightly foundations exposed in a rather prominent part of the Women's Quadrangle. These foundations may fill water and become a nuisance as a place for breeding mosquitoes. On the other hand if we may cast the first floor slab there will be a flat surface about the size of the finished building for which the women students will doubtless find many temporary uses. The sand, gravel, cement and labor for this slab will cost about 3800 dollars local currency. We therefore hope that the Women's College or the Trustees will find some way to finish it up to this point.

Very sincerely yours,

J. M. Fitzgerald

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Dr. Eric M North

12 February 1926

P. S. Since writing the above Mr. Etter has been in the office and has taken very unpleasant exception to the action of yesterday. This however I do not think should have too much weight in the matter. He has given me the following figures for purchasing and planting:

For the main academic quadrangle and out to the gate.....	\$1500	local	cur
For the Women's College	\$2000	local	cur
North from the gate and around to the Theological building estimated.....	\$1200	"	"
Around the lake estimated.....	\$2000	"	"

This includes dredging the lake,
a sum of \$500, I hope that it can be done for this, but rather doubt it.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Gregorick

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Copies to Mr. F. Warner
Mr. T. W. Barker

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For Mr. Gibb

February 3, 1926.

Messrs. Cornell & Underhill,
Spring & Greenwich Streets,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

OUTWARD #2244.

With reference to your claim for \$21.14, against the S/S Bordeaux Maru, June 29th, 1925 sailing, for one iron pipe broken.

We regret that we cannot entertain this claim because under the terms of the bill of lading, breakage is one of the exceptions for which the steamer cannot be held liable, especially in view of the fact that no evidence has been produced to prove that the breakage occurred while with our ship or that it was brought about through any negligence or carelessness of our vessel.

Moreover, clause #2, in the bill of lading stipulates that a claim must be presented in writing to the vessel at port of discharge within 30 days from completion of the discharge of the ship. There is no indication to prove that this condition in the bill of lading was complied with.

The bill of lading is also claused that the goods were to be shipped from Shanghai, China, to Tientsin at the risk of the owner of the goods, but at the expense of the S/S Bordeaux Maru, and no proof has been submitted that this breakage did not occur after the goods left the custody of our ship.

This seems to be a claim that should have been presented to the delivering line's agent at Tientsin for investigation as to whether or not the breakage was chargeable to the carriers and in whose possession the pipe was when it was broken.

The foregoing is not to be considered as a waiver of any other defenses available the ship under the terms of the bill of lading or otherwise.

Yours very truly,

KERR STEAMSHIP COMPANY, INC.

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TRANSFER

February 18, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb,
Yenching University, Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Gibb:

I enclose herewith copy of letter I have sent to Mr. Lund and an
extra copy of the blue print of Yeomans form "A" ejector.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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TRANSFER

February 15, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb,
Yenching University, Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

I enclose copy of a letter addressed to Messrs. Cornell & Underhill
by the Kerr Steamship Company, concerning your claim for damages on account
of the broken fitting referred to in your letter of December 3, 1925.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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Copy sent to Dr. Stuart

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February 19th, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb,
Yenching University, Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Gibb:

Referring to the electric light fixtures for the residences and buildings in connection with the suggestion of the China Electrical Company, let me say that we are entirely satisfied with the quality of material under the headings 99 and 66 to which you refer, and there is no reason why you should not proceed to secure an estimate from them upon your requirements. The China Electric Company handles the Western Electric equipment, and I have before me their catalogue of these units. I am sure that you will find them suitable. My guess is that they would probably be able to beat Mr. Becker on the price.

So long as you keep within the financial limits that are in effect, you can order this material.

Referring to the matter of the telephone equipment, we advise you to take the matter up with the China Electric Company, going into the matter fully as to the type of installation required, cost, etc., and when you have worked this out and secured the figure let us know what the cost will be. We are not at present able to authorize purchases, but should have this information in order to be able to tell you when to go ahead.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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TRANSFER

23 February 1926

Dr. Eric M. North
c/o Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. North:

I have on my desk quite a bunch of letters and copies dated about the 14th of January. I will not be able to clear them all up at this time but will go as far as I can on the various items and supplement later.

I hope to cable you in a day or two asking you to send the stacks for the balcony alcoves of the third floor stacks in the Library. This should supply shelf space for all books we have at present or will have for some time to come. If additional shelves are needed immediately we can use the shelves that are in use at the city plant at the present time. I am holding up this cable so as to be able to get the figure which you ask for ready. This will take some time yet, but we will do it as quickly as possible.

Your letter to Dr. Stuart in regard to residences

We have started to work on this and will send you complete information as soon as this is arranged. At present I will make just a few comments. You have omitted the mention of the cost of house No. 8, the Eunuch Li property. In ours of August 14 last we have the cost price of this building in gold dollars. It was bought first because it was inexpensive, second - adjacent to the campus, and third, most important, because it would make a very acceptable faculty residence. I know Dr. Stuart wishes to have it remodelled. This will cost anything from G\$3000 down, according to the amount of remodelling which is undertaken. We have not as yet gone into this matter as no one knows who will live in this house. House 12 in Tsai T'ao gardens stands allocated to Mr. Wu Lai Chuan, who I believe is being spoken of as the Vice-president of the University. The remodelling that he has asked for will come within G\$1000. Certain readjustments in all residence compounds have taken place. House No. 17 is assigned to Mr. Bartlett. Ruby retiring from the field, his house, lot 22, has been allocated to Shu Hsi Hsu. An Fa bungalow has been started on lot 35 which stands assigned to C. W. Luh. S. D. Wilson has given up his house, lot 36, and it stands assigned to T. C. Chao. A second Fa type bungalow has been started for R. H. Ritter on lot 40, and Nash is asking us to start a SE house on 41. This you will recall the committee declined to do at its last meeting, but may

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see different light on the subject at the next meeting. House No.2 stands on the Faculty Committee's book as assigned to Mr. Ennis, but there is talk of asking Dr. & Mrs. Learmonth to live in it as it is near the site of the proposed hospital. You probably know that the Sailors have elected to live in house No.7 formerly assigned to Varney. We note that you numbered residences 43-50. We have not at the present any lots with these numbers attached. Though recent purchases adjacent to the East Residence Site will give us spaces for some of these numbers. We started the South Residence Site with No.51 and down there lot 56 is assigned to L. C. Porter, 57 is a blank, 58 - Tewksbury, 59 - Galt, 60 - Wiant, 61 - S. D. Wilson, where another Fa type bungalow has been started. 62 is assigned to T. T. Lew, 63 - Dr. H. W. Luce. This is the highest residence number that we have reached up to the present. You will note that we have no house 9 or 10 and that number 5 will probably not be used as residence, that there is at present no No.20, but we are hoping to get one in the Tsai T'ao Garden, we have begun each residence site with a 21, 51 etc.

The Fa type bungalow contract placed is less than G\$4200 and the heat, light etc. will come within the G\$1570 for a residence. The SE asked for by Mr. Nash will cost nearly G\$8000. The house asked for by Mr. Wiant, designed by his brother in Foochow, will probably cost G\$7000 contractors price, and the heat, light, etc. will certainly be not under the average estimate. We have not let contracts for either of the above two, nor for Mr. Wu Lei Chuan's place. More details of this will be provided as rapidly as we can get them together.

We are very much shagrined over the result of our cables of the 1st of the year. We interpreted your cable to mean estimate of future costs and did not interpret it to include amounts already spent which were reported in detail in our letter of August. We hope this matter has been cleared up in our covering letters which went with the cables and we certainly hope you will be able to secure the two gifts suggested and will be able to authorize the clearing up of all of these outstanding items in the residence finances.

We were nonplussed with your cable of december when we were instructed not to draw further on any account except the Administration Building. We here are involved in contracts, a considerable amount of work was at the time of your cable completed and we have had to draw funds to make payments which were due and will have to continue to draw funds to complete work already contracted for. The writer understands that we should not enter into any additional contracts, but feels that we must finish everything undertaken.

The copy of Mr. Place's report is to hand and I will check this over with Mr. Lund as soon as he returns.

Some days ago we cabled you that we would not need the service of Mr. J. B. Wolfe as all things considered our building program does not seem to be as heavy as we anticipated. We are still waiting for definite word when Mr. Murphy will arrive here, and the writer's prophecy that "early February" will mean late March is apparently going to come true.

Lan Ch'i property

We thought we had made this clear. Various members of the staff and friends of the University have from time to time requested that we purchase on their behalf pieces of property adjacent to or near our present holdings. Early last summer this property of nearly 60 mou came on the market at slightly over \$40 per mou, local currency. The Committee authorized its purchase, expecting to resell to those who have asked for property. In going into the matter later some of the Committee felt we had better hold the piece for additional residence purposes or until we were satisfied that we did not need it for any other use. Later a number of those interested in golf were willing to rent the place from the University at 6 o/o of the purchase cost and slowly develop a small golf course. In the meantime the Department of Agriculture put in a claim for the place. What will be its ultimate disposition depends of course first on what the action of the Board of Trustees will be and on whether we here can satisfy the Department of Agriculture. The golf will be a greater asset to the morale of the University staff than additional acres for forage crops. The place in one case will become a profit bearing investment and in the other case can be sold out to the Department of Agriculture.

Telephones

As the matter stands at present we have one trunk line between Peking and the site, and it is proposed to have a six branch exchange connected with this trunk line. This will provide telephones in the President's Office, the Comptroller's Office, in the Power Station and in the Women's College Deans Office, and two semi-public phones for the use of staff and students when paid for - one in the Men's College and one for the Women's College. Besides that we are proposing an interuniversity service which will provide telephones in the campus offices of each staff member and in six administrative officers' homes, and in the gate-houses of the three residence compounds. This brings the total to something like seventy eight in buildings already started or to be started in the near future. Mr. Lund has recommended an oldfashioned magneto type of instrument and central table; for a hundred point table and eighty instruments together with the necessary wire we here have an estimate of G\$4400. Others have recommended an automatic type of telephone which would do away with the central operator but which would doubtless come higher. Again we have been recommended to use a battery type of central. We would be pleased if you would investigate this at home and let us have any reactions and authorizations that are possible, buying the outfit if possible in New York.

Department of Agriculture Building

Mr. Chamberlain left with the idea of raising money for the building. We in this office know very little about the plan of the building except that it will provide offices for the Department and some classrooms for purely agricultural subjects. We do know that they would put it very high up in the south east corner of the campus and thus get the whole area for the Department of Agriculture use. While the writer would prefer putting it on

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the south boundary, leaving the other part of the campus clear for any kind of development.

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The Survey is mounted in town and waiting till the writer can find time to go and pay for it and make sure that it has been properly done. He is sorry that it has been delayed this long, but will try to get it off at the earliest possible date.

Referring again to our letter of the 4th of September 1925 and your reply of September the 29th, we are in a quandry in regard to this Bill of Lading for 211 pkgs. Cast Iron Pipe and Pipe Fittings on the S. S. "President Hayes", shipped from John Simmons and Co. A recent communication from the Dollar Company says that they have never yet had a negotiable Bill of Lading. After considerable search in our files we cannot find any record as to whether the Bill of Lading mentioned in your letter was a duplicate negotiable Bill of Lading or a non-negotiable, nor can we find any record of sending a Bill of Lading at that time to the shipping company. In face of it, as we wrote and asked you for a negotiable Bill of Lading we feel that that is what you have sent us, but with this Company still asking for such Bill of Lading and with no evidence in our files that such document has been received and sent to them we are afraid that we will have to ask you to again approach the steamship company for a duplicate negotiable document so that we may satisfy them here.

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We find that the amount of the Lapidolith floor hardner on hand will not treat all of our floors. We will therefore be glad if you will secure from L. Sonneborn Sons an additional 12 barrels (4800 lbs.) of Lapidolith crystal floor hardner and send it at the earliest possible date.

We have sent you to-day the following telegram:

"Notify son of Gibb: "Lund likely to remain here until next year. Would like to have you take up work with boys' camp. Father."

Very sincerely yours,

J. M. Gibb

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*3000 worth still on hand
cancel message forwarded 3/19/26*

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February 23, 1926.

Mr. J. M. Gibb, Jr.,
Wesleyan University,
Middletown, Conn.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

We have received this morning the following cablegram which we
hasten to forward to you:

"Notify son of J. McGregor Gibb Lund likely
to remain here until next year declines to
take up work at boys' camp. Father."

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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February 26, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
Yenching University Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West, China.

My dear Gibb:

The hold-up on mail from Peking in December gave us quite a flood when the dam broke, and we are trying to rescue a few items from the stream.

We acknowledge your letter of December 12th and are getting an estimate for the electrical materials, but I am afraid we are going to have trouble with the item "500 covers 4" for switches". If you can give us a specific reference to an item in the Western Electric catalog or could, in some other ways, make clear among the many varieties of things involved the specific thing wanted, we might be able to save many days in getting you just what you want. As it is, I shall probably have to fill the order with that item omitted until I can hear more definitely from you.

I have also the minutes of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of December 4th and think there is nothing there upon which to comment.

With reference to your letter of December 19th: I think the feeling here would be that the furniture for the dormitories must be simple and durable, but as to the amount of such furniture, we cannot pass judgment until we hear from you as to exactly what is proposed. If the furniture matter were left to the students, it would be entirely possible for an unsatisfactory administrative situation to develop, and if the students had to buy their own furniture, some of them might be hard hit by it.

As to the matter of additional electric light, my judgment is that the Trustees would want the buildings furnished with the amount of electric light that is right, and that the power plant and the installations should be adjusted to fit. It may not be possible for us to reach this degree of effectiveness in the first year or so, but we should plan eventually for whatever may be necessary for effective student life.

You have already heard from us with reference to the infirmary. No action by us is necessary with reference to the social rooms in the dormitories or refectories. We shall be glad to see the blue prints of the landscape effects and are wondering what has become of the survey which you wrote us some months ago was being prepared for mailing to us. We should like very much to have this come along soon.

We note the item with reference to the artificial stone benches and observe that it was the expectation that the matter of the installation of these in the Administration and Library Buildings would be held until Mr. Murphy's arrival. This would seem worth while.

I am very glad to find that the use of vacuum steam heat in some of the residences has been discouraged. I do not think this has been found to be sufficiently simple and fool-proof enough to be satisfactory for an institution so far from the manufacturer.

I shall refer the scheme for the rearrangement of the stage in the Bashford Memorial Building to the Committee on Finance here; the alterations seem to us to be, on the whole, rather inadvisable, but we have not had time to study the points in connection with them.

The matter of payments to Mr. Lund, referred to in your letter of December 30th, I understand has been satisfactorily ironed out, because the payments which were found to be due in the last quarter were larger than Mr. Lund had expected, and this, with the Mexican \$5,000. authorized by the Grounds & Buildings Committee, seems to have settled the matter. We are glad this has been completed without further worry to all concerned, although I am afraid that you have had more than your share of worry on this item.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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Copy to Dr. Stuart

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COPY TO DR. J. L. STUART

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February 27, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
Yenching University Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West, China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Referring to your letter which enclosed Mr. Seymour's letter of December 10th concerning the lack of original bills of lading, I have to report as follows:

Upon the item of two cases of personal effects shipped via the S. S. President Adams on July 15, 1924, we can find no record that we ever made such a shipment. Mr. Moss has no recollection of it and Mr. Hasemeyer, who was handling shipments for us then, reports that the only shipment which he can record of is one to S. S. Hopkins on May 24th, which, I believe, is too early to be the shipment in question. If Mr. Lund has more information about this, perhaps we can trace it.

On the second and third items, I enclose bills of lading from our vouchers here. On both of these I believe the bills of lading were sent directly to the American Express Company as well as additional copies to you and Mr. Krause, in accordance with our regular procedure, though we have not kept records showing when such items were sent.

You have already received the shipment from the S.S. Cross Keys, which clears the fourth item.

I have sent under another cover the bills of lading for three items of the order for electric mains.

Concerning your order for galvanized conduits and covers, I have to report that it will be probably four to five weeks before they are delivered to the dock. We shall try to shorten this time if we can.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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February 27, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb,
Yenching University, Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

We enclose herewith copies of invoice, packing list, insurance certificate and bill of lading covering shipment from Cornell & Underhill of one Cast Iron Flanged Fitting to replace the one you reported arrived broken.

Although the bill of lading is marked "Original not negotiable" Cornell & Underhill claim that since this is "a direct consignment", this copy will be satisfactory and sufficient to procure release of the shipment.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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Cable sent to New York on the 1st of March

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Library cost \$56,000 gold, including furniture,
\$2300 gold without including half sticks.
\$3700 gold if made locally, in every way satisfactory
wood finish. Trench \$11,000 gold over and above
balance January 31st of this year. Refer to my letter
dated 28th December last year, stge, do you authorize pro-
posed changes, no answer will be considered a reply in the
affirmative.

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Capital sent to New York on the last of March

Library cost \$300,000 paid, including postage
\$2300 paid for printing and postage
\$2700 paid in advance for every year
and first. Total \$1100 paid over and over
balance January 31st of this year. Balance as of
March 31st December last year, zero. As the library pro-
ceeds forward, no answer will be considered a reply in the
affirmative.

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1 March 1926

Dr. Eric M. North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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TRANSFER

Dear Dr. North:

two days
We are enclosing herewith minutes of the Grounds & Buildings Committee meeting of February 25. You will note that Dr. Stuart was not present at the meeting, being still in the hospital at that time. The writer had had a conference with him ~~before the meeting and again on the day following the day~~ *immediately* of the meeting, so that he was perfectly conversant with everything that had been done. You will also note that the Committee has been somewhat enlarged. Dr. Hopkins has been largely responsible for most of the Methodist Mission building in Peking since 1900. Mr. Sho Tzu King is a Chinese businessman very much interested in landscape gardening and will be a great help to the Committee. Mr. Bevan is a member of the Board of Managers and makes almost weekly visits to the new University site. We feel that these new members are going to be great acquisitions to the Committee.

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You will note that the Faculty Committee and also the Grounds & Buildings Committee still feel that half of the small lecture room space in the north end of Bashford Hall must be sacrificed to get adequate stage accommodations. We will be glad for a cable informing us whether the Trustees agree with this alteration. In fact we think we will include this query in a cable which we have nearly ready to send off. We are also enclosing herewith our revision of your residence schedule. The gist of which was given to the Committee. Dr. Stuart was much discouraged by the total of these figures. The total was not altogether unexpected by the writer as he realized that beginning the work on the South Residence Compound would greatly increase the figure needed for outside improvements.

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GB 914 Has been reported to the prospective donor of the Nash house and we hope that he will pay the money soon so that we can begin the actual work.

GB 915 Later bids bring the contractors' price for these 11 chien residences down to nearly \$3000 local currency, so that this project looks a little more possible.

GB 917 We have on our table here a cable which will be sent within a day or two to you. It will show that the entire cost of the Library is estimated at G\$56,000 this includes G\$2300 for furniture, but does not include \$3700 which will build half of the stacks locally of wood which we say in the cable will be entirely satisfactory. Your letter in which you give us certain ~~code~~ words and indicate that you are prepared to order the stacks of

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metal was read to the Committee and Mr. Hogg called attention to the fact that the Union Medical College had found wooden stacks entirely satisfactory. Mr. Bevan reported that the Chinese Political and Social Science Association Library of which he is Librarian are quite satisfied with their wooden stacks and the only place where metal stacks were used is the Tsing Hua College Library where only part of the building is so equipped. It was further reported that the P. U. M. C. received all metal furniture from America with finish badly chipped and much equipment dented and bent, so that the Committee took action No. 917.

We will hold up the cable until we get the revised figures ready, but it will go off within a day or two. The figures are somewhat as follows:

Library as 30 Jan. 1926

Estimated cost of building

Total paid to date	49,978.56	↑
Contractors to be paid		4,500.00
Overhead		6,000.00
Granite		955.00
Heat (5/6 of Sage)		3,106.00
Electricity (Ninde estimate plus 20 o/o)		3,360.00
Plumbing (Ninde plus 10 o/o)		1,018.00
Hardware (" " ")		1,313.00
Roof (Ninde plus 10 o/o)		3,277.00
Glass (" " ")		1,123.00
Paint (5/6 of Sage)		1,800.00
Outside steps		300.00
Finishing		2,000.00
Materials to finish		18,000.00
		<u>96,730.56</u>

<u>Furnishings:</u>	7 big tables @ \$46	322
	50 small tables	1,250
	100 big chairs @ 6.80	680
	216 small "	864
	1400 Book shelves	700
		<u>3,816</u>
<i>Mezzanine Stock</i>	Book shelves	6,345
	Catalogues	400
	3 Desks	90
	Service desk	100
	Dumbwaiter	200

We feel that the overhead item of \$6000 and the item for materials to finish of \$18,000, both local currency, are perhaps higher than they should be, so that the total will come less rather than more of the \$56000 gold in the cable.

Telephones: The Committee authorized the Construction Bureau to get in touch with various firms which sell telephone equipment here in China and to get their suggestions and estimates. As soon as they come to hand we will notify you and send you any further action of the Grounds & Buildings Committee. You will note that we will need a hundred point switchboard and possibly 78 instruments for the initial plant.

The sketch plans of the Men's College Gymnasium had been circulated among some of the committee before the meeting and the Committee had no suggestions to make in regard to the wing which Mr. Warner is suggesting to build as the first unit. We do not think that any further comments are necessary on these minutes.

I have to thank you for your letter of January 27th. I have today cabled to Miss Coleman to Yokohama suggesting that she get a steamer from Japan to Tientsin, railway transportation in China today is very uncertain and the coast steamship travel from Shanghai is very overcrowded, all things considered steamer from Japan to Tientsin will be much better.

We are making up the list of the electric fixtures having your letter of last October in mind. We hope to get this off as soon as we can get reports from the Women's College.

We note that Mr. Murphy had not left America at the time of your letter and as we have received no cable since in regard to him we take it that he is still there. It is a good thing that our work here does not need to wait for his arrival.

We are sorry for the ^{paucity} ~~poverty~~ of information in our letter of November the 10th in regard to Crane fittings. We intended to make it clear that these faulty fittings were of the 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " size and were all tees. Apparently our letter was not compared with previous correspondence.

Going back to the cost of land and improvements in the residence compounds we hope that we have made it clear that our cable in the early part of January was one which looked forward to future amounts and did not include sums already spent. The schedule enclosed herewith we hope is very plain. You will note that there are red checks alongside of certain figures, these indicate amounts which we are not obligated to spend, but are estimates for amounts which should be spent to make the houses opposite them as desirable residences as these in Tsai T'ao Gardens. Please note that columns VI and VII are amounts already spent. The last figures on the list show the estimate for additional funds for the two compounds and also for the overhead until the end of the summer.

In regard to gas mains: we think we can buy these mains here in China as you can at home and will let you know what they will cost and hope for authorization to get them at an early date. The science teachers in consultation with Dr. Stuart have asked the China Medical Board for some funds for equipment for the Science Buildings and also for funds for the gas plant. Mr. N. Gist Gee who is a special representative of the Medical Board on the matter of pre-medical science teaching, is enthusiastic for a China made gas plant somewhat similar to the Mansfield plant the initial cost of which is much lower than the imported equipment. We believe that the science teachers have only asked for this less expensive plant, you have probably heard about this from other sources. We also have to thank you for a copy of your letter to Dr. Stuart in regard to the Library dated January 19, enclosing a copy of Mr. Bostwicks letter. Answering one or two queries in his letter. Books and supplies will enter the

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east door of the Library Building and go immediately down stairs to the receiving room. There is no way to put an outside entrance at a lower level to this place. We here have revised the table layout of the reading room. Mr. Murphy's drawing showed them entirely too close. We will now make seven large reading tables for the central part of the room and a correspondingly small number to go around the edges. The question of lighting we will give special attention to.

Renewed fighting in the Tientsin area makes the question of transport from Tientsin increasingly difficult. Dr. Stuart sent a representative to ~~London~~ and he made two trips to Tientsin. The military authorities have promised railway cars, but nothing has been forthcoming up to the present. We have written to the American Legation and they have taken the matter up with the Ministry of Communications who have also agreed to get us cars. It is too early to determine whether their efforts will bring any good results. We are also working along less direct lines. As soon as the ice melts we will again go into the question of water transportation.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. G. North

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2 March 1926

TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. North:

Some days ago we were at last able to get off a mounted copy of the Survey; in the package we included two blue prints of what the engineers call plotting 1 and 2. and two blue prints of the Tsai T'ao Garden. Unfortunately, we did not have other blue prints of the East Residence Compound and were not at the time able to make them. As before explained these tracings are bigger than we can readily handle with the equipment which we have in our office. We also included blue prints showing the deed numbers for all the property bought up to the present time. The big sheet is mainly the result of some work done by Dr. Galt on the site in the summer of 1921 while the writer was in New York. His numbers ran down to 32 or thereabouts. The purchases from 32 onward represent plots purchased since the fall of 1921. You will notice pieces which are marked with yellow, these represent plots that the University has not as yet bought. Roughly speaking the two pieces in the south-west corner should be bought if the prices get anywhere near reasonable. The same is true of three pieces in the north east corner. Outside of these five pieces I think the University should be entirely indifferent as to whether there are any additional bits of land bought.

If you will study the Survey you will notice that directly west of the University and a little south of where the main entrance is to be, there is a small house marked "constable". We have noticed for some time the slow collecting of certain materials about this place. Two or three months ago we let it be known that if any one put up small shops or other buildings which are sure to be unsightly temporary structures, we of the University would do our best to see that all those connected with us completely boycott them. This has of course made the promoters of the enterprise cautious about proceeding. This morning we had some conversation in regard to this property and those who have the lien on it are offering to pass their rights over to us. They pay rentals of upwards of \$20 a year to the police authorities. How much bakshish they spend to get hold of it and how much profit there will be to make from the University remains to be seen.

Very sincerely yours,

W. W. G. G. G.

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March 5, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb,
Yenching University, Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Gibb:

With reference to the hardware order which you sent to Mr. Becker we have taken the following steps. We have accepted Becker's bid for the hardware for the residences and authorized him to get this off, if possible, on the S.S. "PRESIDENT JACKSON", sailing from Seattle on March 11th. I assumed that you were most anxious to have the residence hardware, as the staff would be wishing to move into the residences in June or shortly thereafter. I have also authorized Becker to provide the three additional items sent to him in a later letter, which we have not received here. The balance of the hardware, intended for the buildings, I have placed with Sargent & Company of New York for the following three reasons:

First - The hardware which we had selected previously for this purpose, you had expressed as satisfactory, but had expressed dissatisfaction with that which Mr. Becker had furnished.

Second - To wait for Becker's full specifications to come in and compare them with Sargent's would mean considerable delay, and I knew that the prices were not very different.

Third - It seemed to me unwise to furnish the college buildings with an entirely different and unknown type of hardware from that which had already been furnished and which had been reported by you as satisfactory.

I am hoping that the bulk of the hardware for the college buildings will be placed on the steamer leaving New York on March 15th. The master-keyed sets will take a longer time as they are only master-keyed to order.

It is necessary for us again to comment upon the unsatisfactory form of your orders. Mr. Becker remarks on it in writing to me. For example, no one here could identify the Door Bolt 2 1/2 x 2 1/2. In the case of the 2 x 2 Butts, your list does not clearly indicate whether you desire '10 dozen pieces' or 'ten dozen pairs'. In the case of the French Window Lock, the 'rabbeted front' makes it necessary to know whether you want 'rights' or 'lefts', and if both, in what proportion.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb.

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March 5, 1926.

These Becker will have to interpret as best he can, and if you get something you don't want, do not hold him responsible.

In the case of the 2nd Transom Batts, a literal interpretation of the list as it came to us would seem to indicate that you only wanted 25 pieces, though the word pieces is not used; but assuming that the ditto marks have not been carried down, we have interpreted this to mean that you want 25 dozen pieces. We are also unable to reconcile 6 pieces of double Swing Hinges with the statement that you want 12 pairs of them. We have on this item furnished one dozen floor hinges which we furnished previously when your list called for double Swing Hinges. These floor hinges are, both less expensive and more efficient. I have asked Sargent & Company to send you their new catalogue. In the case of the locks for the college buildings, we have, throughout, furnished exactly the same locks as those delivered to you on previous order for these buildings. In the new catalogue there is a slight change, but the lock furnished is the same.

I have to acknowledge your letter of January 27th with the good news that the survey is on the way to us. we are also very grateful for the photographs and other material. Your cablegram of February 23rd has been forwarded to yourself.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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March 9, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb,
Yenching University, Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Enclosed herewith you will find the following documents covering shipment of two Shane Ejector Plants purchased from E. A. Julie, consigned to American Express Company, Tientsin, China; marked -

Yenching University,
Peking, China.

1 copy of invoice
1 " " packing list
1 " " bill of lading.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

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15 March 1926

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Dr. Eric M. North
c/o Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. North:

Monday morning and the minutes of the last meeting of the Grounds & Buildings committee held on Thursday are not off as yet.

In regard to landscaping there was no expectation of spending money on this unless it was raised locally or until such time when we get authorization from the Trustees. Though the meeting took a long time it does not seem to be anything in the minutes which needs comment from this end.

We have had no official word from New York as to Mr. Murphy's departure or approximate date of arrival here. We are, however, in receipt of word from Nanking that he is expected there about the 20th of this month. I suppose in due course of time he will arrive in North China. It is our hope that we can have all matters which are to be referred to him so thoroughly prepared that we will not have to keep him with us very long. We are in receipt of your telegram in regard to the proposed changes in the Bashford Memorial and note that we are authorized to increase the depth of the stage by 4', we have not gone into the matter thoroughly yet, but off hand it would seem that this change is hardly worth while as the structural difficulties to be overcome will be considerable. I will however take this up with the engineer and act as circumstances seem to indicate best.

The matter of transportation continues to be as difficult as ever. A telephone conversation of the American Express in Tientsin on Friday last was learned that they have eight cars ready for loading, but had been unable to secure an engine and that they did not dare to load, ~~unless~~ they ~~be~~ charged demurrage, so that they were first looking for locomotives before loading. We have also sent three men to Tientsin to start transport by boat and have the permit from the military authorities of the whole district to use sixty carts which should be immune from commandeering. The work is almost entirely at a standstill for lack of materials.

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The political situation is so involved that one dare not try to foretell what will happen any day. Anything from the taking over of North China by the bolshevicks down to normal conditions within ten days has been foretold. Mr. Peck, the first Chinese Secretary of the American Legation stopped with us Saturday ~~even~~ night and we judge that the Legation is just as much in the dark as the rest of us.

Very sincerely yours,

J. W. McFarland

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Enclosed photo of the Administration Building as it is to date

Copies to Mr. Warner
Mr. Barker

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

March 17, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb,
Yenching University Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West, China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Referring to your letter of February 4th, I am cabling you that the Hospital matter is to be worked out in the light of my letter of February 11th which should, by now, be in your hands.

I am sorry to note that the financial settlement with Lund, Gernow & Company is apparently not yet completed. I had a letter from Mr. Lund, saying that he was gratified to find that the amount paid to him for the business completed up to December 31st was larger than he had anticipated would be the case, and he stated that this item, together with the \$5,000. provided by the Grounds & Buildings Committee "and a reasonable sum for commission for the work in hand" would satisfy his financial requirements. The basic query is, what is a reasonable commission for the work in hand? Upon this item, we here, would, of course, be independent upon what is recommended by the Grounds & Buildings Committee. We recognize, of course, that work has been put in by them upon items that do not appear in the accounts until after the first of January, but no one in New York can appraise what proportion of those items yet remains to be done. Granted that a fair figure could be reached for those items, the question still remains whether the full commission should be paid upon those items, and here recognition would have to be given to the fact that the 3% commission presupposes their rendering services which upon this part of the work, they will not render, because of the termination of their relationship on December 31st, and some fair approximation would have to be reached as to the comparative proportion of cost of the services rendered in connection with such work, over and against services still to be rendered.

A settlement of this kind, it seems to me, does not need action in New York, as it is simply a method of settlement of work already done, and if the matter requires action, I believe that the Grounds & Buildings Committee should settle it finally.

At the end of your letter, you refer to an order for fittings concerning which you have not heard. It is a mystery how you expect us here to know the order to which you refer, as you made no reference to anything by which we could identify it. If Mr. Bocker were next door, we could step in and ask him what you cabled him, but it takes ten days for us to exchange letters with him.

Cordially yours,

Copy to Dr. Stuart.

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March 18, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb,
Yenching University, Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Enclosed please find the following papers covering
shipment of materials from John Simmons Company on the S.S. "EUGENIC"
of the Bank Line from New York on March 10th, consigned to American
Express Company.

1 copy each of 6 invoices
✓ " " " 3 Bills of Lading
1 " of insurance certificate.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

19 March 1926

Dr. Eric M. North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. North:

Please find enclosed copies of two letters to Mr. Böcker also two lists of materials and one sample of shade cloth. I believe we are authorized to proceed with the ordering of both of these lists of materials, if not a wire to Mr. Bocker will stop the electric fixtures order ~~and~~ the shade order I have suggested that he refer to you before proceeding to place it.

Miss Coleman arrived in Peking last night and we are expecting her out here any moment as we sent a car in for her early in the morning. I suggested to her that she send you the following cable last night: "private secretary arrived safely". and suppose she has done so. She understood that you had promised to communicate with her folks on receipt of this wire. Up to the present time we have had no copy of the Trustees' contract with her.

We are enclosing herewith a copy of ^a memorandum made up by a Subcommittee of the Board of Managers. This will be reported to the main committee of the Board of Managers and if they agree it will be in hand to present to Mr. Murphy when he arrives. We are sending this copy to you for your information. This Subcommittee was unanimous on all the points mentioned here, though you will notice that one or two points are left slightly undecided until they could be referred to other interested parts in the University.

All of our best efforts to get materials from Tientsin have not brought any results up to the present. For a week we have had four railway cars loaded but there has been no success in getting them attached to any train. The last one of the group of three men we sent to Tientsin a week ago is back to-day, but communication is risky and probably absolutely unsafe for anything except cement of which we have a hundred tons loaded in the cars mentioned above and there seems to be no other stock in Tientsin and there is certainly no stock in Peking. We shall continue to make every effort to get material through, but are not very optimistic if political conditions remain as they are now.

Mr. Lund has been ordered a month's rest by the physicians and is at Tungchow, he has not been on the University site for over a month now. There is considerable doubt in my mind as to how soon he will recover sufficiently to come back.

We are having a little snow this morning, the second snow this winter, of course it is not lying on the ground after falling.

Very sincerely yours, *W. M. Gregory*

note: Cars are on the way

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March 20th. 1926.

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

Mr. J. M. Gibb,
Yenching University, Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb,

I enclose a copy of a letter I have written to Stuart concerning the Financial Position. I am sorry that I did not have extra copies of the present Financial Analysis to send to you, but Leighton can no doubt pass his on.

I have your letter of February 9th. and will order at once the Electric Wire referred to there.

I have also to acknowledge your cablegram of March 1st. containing information as to the Library costs and the additional costs of the Trenches. We are grateful for this information as it will enable us to know what additional amounts we have to raise to cover the cost of the Library. We have already written concerning the matter of the stage.

I have also not acknowledged your letter of January 7th. and appreciate very much the detailed information concerning the financial situation at your end of the line. I was wondering whether you are estimating enough for the costs of the Roadways and Grading etc. for the Residence Compounds. We are particularly interested to note in the recent "Grounds and Buildings Committee Minutes" that \$7,000 is available for the roads.

The 60 Wash Tray Plugs have been ordered and will be on the way shortly. Invoice in hand today. We have been reflecting a good deal on the possible effects of the tie up at Taku and the railroads. Undoubtedly a lot of the material you want is being tied up.

I have also to acknowledge your letter of January 18th. The reason why we desire the total cost of the improvements on the Compounds, rather than the amount you still estimate as necessary, is because it is not always easy for us to determine whether the figures you have spent in a given case upon the balance sheet which we have or the balance sheet which may be on the way.

I have already written concerning the matter of the graves.

I find I also have not acknowledged your letter of January 22nd. with the Minutes of the Grounds and Buildings Committee. A number of the items referred to

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there, particularly the large problem of location of new buildings and new projects, is I think fully covered by our long statement concerning the items to be discussed with Mr. Murphy. I am very sorry to hear that Mr. Lund is so worn out. The whole situation over there must be extremely trying. We wish we could share in it more than we can. I think there is no reason for any action by us with reference to the temporary Seminar Rooms in the Library. We are a little disappointed at the tendency to put the buildings of the University which are the least likely to be attractive, including the Sewage Disposal Buildings, along the main road of approach to the front of the Main Campus. This is a problem which will also be brought out by Mr. Murphy's visit.

Your letter of February 12th. is to hand and I have taken up the matter of the Slab of the Womens College with Mrs. Roys. I think that there is no reason why this Slab should not be cast. If there is any reason you will hear from us. I have told Mrs. Roys that it is my judgment that you should be permitted to proceed.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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Copy sent to Mrs. Frame.

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March 22nd. 1926.

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

Professor J. M. Gibb,
Yenching University,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Gibb:

I enclose a bill of the Marine Biological Laboratory which has been sent to us here with a statement that they are having difficulty in getting attention to it, and they judge that the bill is not reaching the proper parties. According to the face of it you must know something about the bill. Will you kindly recollect to what department of the University this was to be charged and request the proper officer to investigate and find out whether the goods have been received and the bill paid, and if not to give the proper attention to the matter. I have suggested that they write directly to Mrs. Frame and will suggest that you clear with her.

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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22nd. March 1926.

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

Professor J. M. Gibb,
Yenching University,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Gibb:

I wonder if your accountant would be so kind as to give us the major items in your account headed "Permanent Improvements and Bridges and Monuments". These two together with the Trees go to make up the Campus improvements item. We need to know these amounts in order to enable us to make a satisfactory statement to the prospective donor as to what items are covered by our appeal for funds.

We do not need the statement item by item, but simply the specification of fences so much, grading so much, roads so much, with any local colour which will add interest and light in making the statement. It might be helpful also if we had a list of the items covered by the "Bridges and Monuments" account.

I understand, of course, that a large part of the "Permanent Improvements" amounts, consist of General Architects expenses.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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24th. March 1926.

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

Professor J. M. Gibb,
Yenching University, Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West, China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Enclosed herewith we are sending the following documents, covering electrical equipment materials shipped by the International Standard Electric Corporation from New York on March 18th. on the S.S. President Polk.

- 1 copy each of 2 invoices.
- 1 copy packing list (3 sheets)
- 1 copy Bill of Lading.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer Peking University.

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24th. March 1926.

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

Professor J. M. Gibb,
Yenching University Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Enclosed herewith please find one copy of invoice
covering a shipment of wash tray plugs with couplings, forwarded
by parcel post, registered, by the John Simmons Company on the
19th. inst.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

March 29, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb,
Tsinghua University, Construction Bureau,
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

We enclose herewith one copy of insurance certificate and expense bill covering shipment of electrical material purchased from International Standard Electric Corporation, forwarded on S.S. "PRESIDENT POIK" on the 18th instant; the bill of lading and invoices having been mailed last week.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

March 29, 1926.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
Wesleyan University,
Middletown, Conn.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

A letter received this morning giving the text of the cablegram of February 23d which we were requested to forward to you, brings to our attention an error which was made in this office in decoding the message.

The message should have read:

"Notify son of J. McGregor Gibb Lund likely to remain here until next year. Would like to have you take up work with boys' camp. Father."

You may be sure we exceedingly regret any confusion which may have resulted from this error on our part.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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PEKING, CHINA.

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TRANSFER

YENCHING NEWYORK
VIUPNOCRYV SKUEJVAIFK ECECHBASIN COCKSUNMUB
COCKSAMCEH WUOHKOTOCC

Translation:

Please ship immediately 150 pairs self-closing
basin cocks. Expect to return cocks already supplied. Gibb.

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March 31, 1926

CONSTRUCTION BUREAU

Dr. Eric M. North
Peking University
New York City

My dear Dr. North,

We are herewith enclosing the Minutes of the last meeting of the Grounds and Buildings Committee, and we will comment on various items coming in order.

It has always been the feeling out here that each building and each Faculty residence will be debited for the electricity used. In the case of the Faculty members, there will be an absolute charge for the electricity, while in the case of the University Buildings the charge will simply be a book charge.

The Committee felt that by having self-closing faucets on the wash basins in all the buildings that there would be a considerable saving of water, especially as these faucets wear out less quickly than the other kind. Yesterday we cabled according to GB 935, a copy of which is enclosed. It is our plan to keep here for some time, the faucets already supplied, so that if the self-closing ones do not come we will be able to use the ones on hand, so as to be able to start school in the fall. If the self-closing ones arrive we will immediately return the ones now on hand so that you can get credit for them.

You note that we decided on a nominal charge of \$2.00 a month for water. It seems that some Faculty members do not pay more than this for water in Peking and it would work out to their detriment if charged more out here. It is the writer's opinion that this charge will have to be increased or meters will have to be put in the individual houses. As these water meters are comparatively expensive fixtures we thought better not to have them installed at the present time.

In regard to the dredging of the lake: we have had a great deal of discussion: the only way to get rid of the reeds that have flourished for so many years, is to dig out the roots. The lake at present is too shallow to be either pretty or healthful. There is danger of mosquitoes unless it is cleared up. The dredging process will be somewhat obnoxious, so that it was felt that it should be done before the student body comes here rather than later. We are therefore undertaking this piece of work and if the Trustees are not able to authorize the funds, they are to be borrowed here.

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We have been thinking lately of the Practice School being erected on the Pu Lun place, starting about the middle of the plot next to the Imhoff Tanks and gradually going North. The question was raised in the Committee meeting whether we had not better start at the extreme southern end of the property. There were those who thought this would remove the building too far from the Academic Buildings. The matter was sent back to the Department of Education.

The Womens' College Household Arts Practice House: You will be able to find the location recommended by the Committee on the survey, of which you have a copy to hand before this time.

The Department of Agriculture Building: If the Department of Agriculture has it's way they will put their building on the place marked "Ruined Temple" in Mr. Murphy's original survey of the site. This is almost due East of the Sage Memorial.

You will note that this Committee has deemed best to increase the depth of the stage by four feet allowed by the Trustees. The Construction Bureau has not yet taken this up, but will do so soon.

This seems to be all the comment necessary on the Minutes.

Mr. Lund made a trip to the site on Wednesday of last week. He then planned to return day before yesterday but we have had no word from him. Whether this means that the previous trip proved too tiring, or whether the Political Situation is keeping him close to Tung Chou, we are unable to say.

Our Foreman Transport man has just drawn me a rude sketch of Peking, in which he shows how all gates on the East, North East and South East are encircled by trenches at perhaps ten miles distant from the city. These trenches include Tung Chou. Reports say that firing can be heard in the city of Tung Chou and that a very few shells have fallen there. The situation is that the Peoples Army (formerly Feng Yu Hsiang's Army) is holding Peking and its environs, while all their allies are making their way out to the western frontier; and in the meantime the combined Manchurian forces under the lieutenants of Chang Tso Lin and the Chihli forces under Lu Pei Tu are crowding them as closely as possible. The people would prefer to have the First Peoples Army remain in control as they have always been reasonable in their demands and actions. There is always a fear of the Third Peoples Army which has never been directly under the command of Feng. This army is somewhere southwest of Peking whether it is to be disbanded and disarmed, or whether it is to be transported to the Northwest remains to be seen. In the meantime Dr. Stuart has been continually questioned and warned in Peking that the new site is in danger and we are here being called upon to provide refuge for the women and children if there should come any general looting in this neighborhood. It is the opinion of the writer that there is little likelihood of any untoward disturbance. This entire neighborhood is extremely poverty stricken and there is nothing on this site which retreating soldiers would find of value enough to carry away. We have gone so far as to purchase several

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American flags and are flying them in the day time at the extremities of the campus. We are recommending all and sundry that they remain quietly at home and talk as little as possible about any possible disturbance.

✓ The four cars loaded in Tien Tsin fifteen days ago are still not delivered, they are within four or five miles of our railroad station. We cannot send carts to haul the material as they would be commandeered for military use. We have brought through two truckloads of cement for use in erecting the Diesel Engine. This we will test out in one weeks time. Yesterday morning two of our carts were commandeered: we got them back, started them again to get the much need lubricating oils and other kinds, and about noon we heard that they had been commandeered again. We took a bicycle and tried to find them but were unsuccessful. One is inclined to think that the time wasted in keeping the transport going is hardly worth the materials received.

✓ We are sorry not to have been able up to the present to answer your telegram of the 18th. The figures compiled to the present writing indicate that we will need \$220,000. local currency to finish all work authorized up to the present time. We are, however, waiting to get a number of other items before cabling you the total. When we do cable we will send a covering letter with details. This figure would seem to go back to the former theoretical \$5,000. Gold per week.

✓ Dr. Murphy is still not with us. He of course will plead the political situation as an excuse. Dr. Stuart was in receipt of a telegram from him several days ago, in which he suggested that he first go to the Phillipines and come here later. Dr. Stuart feels that the political situation will be cleared up so soon and that under the best of circumstances Dr. Murphy moves so slowly that he had better come to North China first. Dr. Stuart has answered Dr. Murphy that way. Of course if Dr. Murphy gets stuck in Tien Tsin for any length of time and charges the Trustees for all time delayed, he may run up quite a large bill.

I had a bid for contracting part of the Infirmary for about \$15,000. local currency, without the steel, which would come to approximately \$1,400. more. This will build about 6/10 of the building, and of course does not include fixtures of any kind for lighting, plumbing etc.. We estimate that the fixtures will come to \$7,000. more. These figures will be included when we send the cable in answer to yours of the 18th.

✓ We have to acknowledge your letter of Feb. 26 and the two of Feb. 27th which came to our desk this morning, with various documents. We have not yet sorted out the documents so do not know whether they are new or old. I am sorry for the inadequacy of the information regarding the switch covers. I shall check it up with Holm the electrician and let you know the details. The contract for the metal banisters around the mezzanine floor of the Library has been entered into some considerable time ago, so Mr. Murphy is too late for this.

We are at a loss to know how you come to understand that

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Dr. North
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the financial matters with Mr. Lund are cleared up. This matter is still hanging fire, waiting until Mr. Lund is in condition to discuss it. The Committee appointed to take care of it is Dr. Hogg, Dr. Stuart and the writer. In talking it over informally with Dr. Hogg and Dr. Stuart, Dr. Hogg was of the opinion that the Firm had no claim on the University. I shall show this last paragraph of your letter to Mr. Lund when advisable.

We note that Cornell and Underhill think that the bill of lading marked Original not Negotiable will be sufficient to secure the release of shipment. We feel that it will not work out that way but shall certainly try.

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Going back to the shipment on the President Adams of July 15, 1934: I think these were samples of electric fittings secured by Mr. Lund while in New York and sent in care of his firm. As the matter was handled that way neither the Trustees office nor we here are really responsible.

The mere receipt of shipment does not always clear the matter up for we may have given bond to cover shipment, which will be held up against us until the proper documents are turned over to the Steam Ship Company.

Yours very sincerely,

Joe McGee

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