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Peking University

April 5, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Gibb:

We enclose herewith the following papers cover-
ing Sargent & Company's shipment of hardware on the S.S. "PRESIDENT
POLK" March 18th, consigned to American Express Company, Tientsin.

1 copy each of two (2) invoices
1 insurance certificate
1 bill of lading.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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Yenching New York

Cocks such as we want Simmons catalogue
5709. replacing invoice July 1924. Meaning Ullol Coleman
Springfield.

J. McG. Gibb Jr

Yenching Haitien

April 10, 1926

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In reply to telegram shall need in all Gold \$5600. every week for the next 26 weeks. Entire hospital cost of buildings should not exceed \$20,000. Gold. Present proposed cost of buildings should not exceed Gold \$ 13,000.

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April 13, 1926

CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

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

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My dear Dr. North,

Since writing you three weeks ago I have sent you in all three telegrams. The last was an attempt on the part of Miss Coleman to congratulate her sister on her marriage. Apparently one letter got misplaced and you could not make out the name Coleman. We will now adopt the word "ULLOL" which stands for Miss Coleman in the Methodist list: from now on for "Mary Louise Coleman, Yenching".

Another telegram gave you the amount we will find it necessary to draw from you each week until the end of October. The figure is \$ 5,600.00 Gold. This will be necessary provided we can push ahead with all the work authorized up to the present. With communications as they now are we are not able to push ahead; how soon they will be better no one can tell. Sometime in the near future we will send you a copy of the figures which were compiled to obtain the \$5,600. figure. We are not sure that this list will be of great service to you as it is compiled from so many different angles. We have on our table a list of cement necessary to complete all work. The same is true of ~~the~~ other materials we ~~will soon~~ have figures showing the amount due to various Contractors and amounts necessary to finish other phases of individual buildings. We think the figures are complete but are doubtful as to the use the list may be to you. We have made up the list for the cost of the Hospital and believe the whole building should not exceed the price of \$ 20,000. Gold. This does not include finishing or special hospital equipment of any kind. The central bay we believe can be done for \$13,000. Gold.

We are sorry you did not understand our telegram about the self-closing cocks- we felt that wherever you purchased the cocks we ~~have~~ ^{must} here, you could return to them a similar number of ordinary cocks- these to be returned as soon as we were able to get them back to you. We have now telegraphed you that Simmons is where the cocks were bought, giving you the catalogue No. 5709 F. as our choice. We were not able to find the letter 'F' in the code book and left it out as any No. 5709 would do the trick. We had some 150 ordinary cocks from Simmons in July 1924.

This covers the matter of telegrams.

The Grounds and Buildings Committee met last Thursday afternoon as scheduled, and we are enclosing a copy of the Minutes. There is really very little which needs explanation. Mr. Lund still continues

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in bad health and continues to give us only part of one day each week. The Committee on Mechanical Installations thought that while he is making so few trips to the site, his car allowance should be discontinued. Mr. Lund took exception to this and brought the matter before the whole Committee which has allowed him \$50.00. The Committee also agreed to allow him a temporary service telephone. These two questions brought up the whole question of Mr. Lund's relation with the University. The Committee thought that as he is the most expensive man on the staff of the Construction Bureau he should ~~give~~ the University his whole attention, and asked him to give up the Tung Chou school, and give all his strength to the University. The writer feels he will not do this, and he may feel it necessary to resign. In the mean time we have had a letter from Mr. Rowe of Royles, England. Mr. Rowe ~~knows~~ ^{acquainted with} Mr. Bush in fact entertained him for a week while Bush was getting the plant ready both at Royles and Galloways. Mr. Rowe feels that Mr. Bush is competent to do the work of erecting the plant and we feel the same in regard to the matter. So that if Mr. Lund decides to withdraw we will probably be able to go on without him.

In regard to the telephone service: there is a very strong feeling on the part of some members of the staff that the University should share in the expense of the telephone connection between all the Faculty residences and Peking. Some members of the Faculty have worked out figures which make it appear that the matter will cost less than \$2.00 local currency a month and an initial payment of \$50. or \$60. will provide the service. The writer is afraid that the three trunk lines suggested will be so overworked by un-necessary staff family business and servants, that the Universities essential business will suffer.

You note action No. 958. This is Dr. Stuart's suggestion of a Committee which working under the Grounds and Buildings Committee will gradually take over many of the items of the management of the plant and the maintenance of the buildings. This Committee will begin to function where the Grounds and Buildings Committee ceases to officiate. The personnel of this committee is not announced as yet but it will be an important committee for some time to come.

You will be glad to hear that the Diesel engine is erected and ran for a trial of ~~five~~ ^{four} minutes last Saturday afternoon; the engine started without any trouble and ran very well. The erecting engineer, who came from Singapore was very pleased. He expects to run the engine for two eight-hour tests this week then his responsibility ceases. There are certain instruments such as ammeters and voltmeters which have not come from Tientsin, and we are trying the engine without these. In the meantime we have made several efforts to get these cases from Tientsin but have not succeeded up to the present. We are sending the motor ~~car~~ ^{truck} to Tientsin to-morrow, provided he can get through the battle lines, and the first cases it is supposed to bring are these instruments.

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Mr. North
April 13, 1926

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CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

Mr. Murphy has been in Peking since Wednesday last; we had a short talk with him on Thursday about noon, when we gave him a copy of the most recent survey. He spent several hours on the site yesterday and seemed very pleased with everything. He does not seem in any hurry to push matters along. President Stuart said over the phone this morning that Mr. Murphy was planning to come to the site again on Wednesday.

We again this morning had a letter from the American Express in Tientsin enclosing a second non-negotiable B/L, and asking us for the original. This is for the two ~~Shone~~ ejectors. We here, have not had any information as to the shipment of these ejectors and have no B/L to send them. It seems very strange that 'seconds' should arrive before the original and we wish it could be otherwise.

We have to acknowledge your letter of March 5th and are enclosing a copy of a letter to Mr. Bocker, which I think answers all questions raised in regard to the first part of the order. In regard to the transom butts, we would like 25 dozen pairs. In regard to the double swing hinges we would like 12 pair.

We are enclosing also a list of electric meters, on which we have requested bids. We have up to the present received only the China Electric bid which comes to \$ 1,517. Gold in all, laid down at Tientsi duty paid. The duty amounts to about 5%, so that if you are able to better the bid it should be at least 5% less than this. If you are filling this order from New York please cable us immediately.

Some days ago we received a copy of a letter from Mr. Bocker to you, in which he speaks about revolving doors. The Grounds and Buildings Committee decided some months ago that revolving doors will probably not be needed and authorized us to put in storm doors. So this matter as far as we are concerned, is closed.

We hope to hear in your next letter that the survey has come to hand and that you have found it and the other plans both useful and entirely satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

John McGinnis

JMcGG/MLC

Copie to
Mr. Barker
Mr. Warner

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April 6th, 1926.

REQUEST TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR
SUPPLYING ELECTRIC METERS.

40 pieces 5 Ampere 110 Volt. similar ^{to} model E in the Western
Electric Cat. 1922.

14 pcs. 25 .. 220 .. 3 Wire Model EA.

1 pc. 75 .. 220 .. 3 EA

2 pcs. 50 .. 220 .. 3 EA

1 pc. 10 Ampere 220 .. 3 E

One test meter ^{set for}

Copy for New York.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

April 15, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Enclosed please find invoices and shipping documents of
electrical material furnished by the International Standard Electric Corp.,
which left New York on the 8th instant on the S.S. "COLORADO", consigned to
the American Express Company, Tientsin, China.

- 1 - Copy each of two (2) invoices.
- 1 - " of Packing List
- 1 - " " Insurance Certificate
- 1 - " " Bill of Lading.

One set of papers was sent direct to the American Express Company by the
International Standard Electric Corporation.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

April 20, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Gibb:

I enclose copy of a letter from Sargent & Company with reference
to an error in the Transcom Butts furnished. If you cannot make use of these
Butts we will adjust it.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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TRANSFER

PEKING UNIVERSITY

April 24, 1926

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

My dear Professor Gibb:

We have your two letters of March 19, and the one of March 24 to Mr. Bocker. Again may I protest against the inadequacy of the information which you provide. It is almost impossible for us to make sure that the goods which are delivered are goods which will actually fit your needs, and be what we should pay for.

I do not think that it is perfectly clear that the phrase "from tip to tip" in connection with the window shades means the width of the shade, it is the width of the shade roller or the exact inside width of the window in which the shade is going. Furthermore, no statement is made as to whether or not you want the sockets in which the shades are to fit or whether you want the drawcord, and whether, in the case of the latter, you want single pulls, or a length of cord that is to be fastened to the side of the window.

Referring also to the list of electric-light fixtures, it is impossible to tell from the list you gave us which fixtures are for which ceiling height. Furthermore the column of number of pieces in our carbon has been so erased that we cannot tell whether the third item is to be 408 pieces, or 48 pieces, or what the final figure is in the case of some of the others.

Your letter also states that the finish down to 1287-1910 is to be old gold, while the list you furnish specifies acid bronze for a number of items, old gold for two, and makes no specification as to two others down to that point.

Also with reference to your letter of March 24, it seems to me that it would be necessary to specify the spread which the arms of the library table lamp should have, as we have no information as to the width of the table, and the location of the light will have a good deal to do with whether there is a

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glare or not in the eyes of the reader.

We have instructed Mr. Becker that, if the information which has come from you on the original copies is not clear, and if he is in doubt as to how the order should be filled, he should communicate with you first.

We have no desire to be critical but we are anxious that you should not be disappointed by having goods supplied which do not fit, or which are otherwise unsatisfactory. It is far better to be over-specific in the first instance than it is to send goods back, or to have to adjust your plans to goods that are not what you wanted.

Cordially yours,

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CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

April 26, 1926

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

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My dear Dr. North,

✓
Enclosed are the minutes of the meeting of the Grounds and Buildings Committee of April 22. You will note that Mr. Murphy attended this meeting and that he had already been in Peking for two full weeks and that up to the time of the meeting he had spent only parts of two days on the site. It was the feeling of all those with whom the writer has talked, that Mr. Murphy's report to the Committee got us no-where, in other words the time of the Committee might have been spent much more advantageously doing other business. Mr. Murphy has since the meeting been on the site from Friday afternoon until Sunday at four P.M.; and he came back here this morning at about ten o'clock. Dr. Stuart made a special trip to Haitien on Saturday afternoon to be with Mr. Murphy. Much to our chagrin, Mr. Murphy spent the greater part of the time talking about details and architecture, insisting on many points, about which the Chinese would not agree with him. The main points at issue such as location of various buildings and sizes of dormitories, were hardly given any time at all.

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Mr. Murphy is giving a considerable amount of time to criticism of work already executed and making suggestions of how this work can be changed so as to improve the appearance of the plant. It is the writers feeling that these suggestions can all be incorporated in Mr. Murphy's report; that the Committee can study them, and decide whether they agree or disagree; that then the Trustees can authorize the expenditure necessary or not, the whole matter depending on finances and a decision as between the judgements of the various parties concerned.

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Mr. Murphy sometimes says(nobody likes this) I believe if the truth were known the statement should be nobody takes the time or the trouble to argue the point. The facts are that nothing has been done on the whole job but what has been carefully scrutinized by many critics and that no important step has been taken before it has been thoroughly discussed beforehand by the local committee; and many others. But there will have to be much more of this when we hear Mr. Murphy's final report.

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You will be surprised to see the Committee has asked for the resignation of Mr. Lund. The communication to him has just now been delivered and we have had no answer. I'm afraid it will be a severe blow to him.

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April 28th, 1926

April 28th

This letter has been delayed until today simply because our office has been overtaxed so that nobody has had time to write. ✓

As soon as Mr. Lund got the communication from the Grounds and Buildings Committee he hurried over to the office and had to be seen. Miss Coleman left the room to us and the writer had to hear what Mr. Lund had to say. He insisted that he could not give up the work and was willing to make sacrifices in order to continue with the University. We have communicated this to Mr. Barker and Dr. Stuart but up to the present have had no reply from them. ✓

Yesterday the 27th has been almost entirely spent with Mr. Murphy and the special committee and we are herewith enclosing a copy of the matters that have been agreed for your information. ✓

In regard to the telephones Dr. Vincent met with the committee on Mechanical Installations on Monday morning and it was agreed that he should get further bids on this scheme, and that when the prices were all clear, we should telegraph to New York and ask for authorization to spend approximately \$4,000.00, local currency, to cover the installation. Roughly the proposal is that every faculty member should have a telephone in his house, that he is to pay the cost of the instrument and the monthly charge for the connection of that instrument with the Peking Exchange, and which will give us more margin for repairs and for the expenses of the University operators. That there should be switchboards in the gatehouses in each of the three residence compounds, and these will be connected by secondary trunk lines to the University switchboards. That half the Faculty offices in the University buildings shall have telephones. As far as Dr. Vincent's figures go the University will have to pay \$3,013.00, local currency for the installation fee and \$1,720.00 of the annual budget. The writer feels that this is putting on too much of a load on the University in favour of the Faculty and that the University's legitimate business will be handicapped because of this service given, but has not been able to persuade the committee on this point. You will probably get a cable in regard to this matter before this letter reaches you.

The Science teachers are asking for additional master keys to the various doors in the Science buildings. They are asking for these master keys in each of the following sets: Sargeant CC3312, CE32 set 9 ST11, Reading Hardware Co master keys No. 41 set F, No 42 Set G, No. 46 Set K. Will you please order these and ask to send them on as soon as possible.

We have to acknowledge your letter of March 20th and a copy of a letter to Dr. Stuart of March 22. With reference to the matter of the stage in the Bashford Memorial Building the writer felt the same about it as the University Finance Committee sees the situation. We are proceeding to build the 4' additional space. ✓

We will go into the matter of the financial statement as soon as other things permit. ✓

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Dr. Eric M. North

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28th April '26

We have received invoice for 60 Wash Tray Plugs. The Women's College have greatly increased the wash tubs and they are putting in their Dean's Residence and we are renovating more and more houses so we would like you to send us 40 more of these Wash Tray Plugs. ✓

We do not think that there is any cause for disappointment because the Sewage Disposal building is where it is. These tanks are so inconspicuous. When the School of Practice will have their buildings there, which will make them readily accessible to Haitien students, and as they are low buildings they will only make a pleasant foreground for more University houses beyond. Mr. Murphy is recommending putting the Household Science Residence in the same foreground. ✓

Yours very sincerely,

John M. J. Gibb

Encl:- Copy of the minutes of the G. & B. Committee meeting of April 22nd, Copy of the minutes of M.I. Committee of April 26th, photographs, notes on conference between Mr. Murphy Mrs. Frame, Dr. Stuart, Messrs. Barker and Gibb.

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We have received information from the
College of Agriculture, University of California,
Berkeley, California, that the following
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Berkeley, California, on May 18, 1926:

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April 28, 1926

CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

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

Dear Dr. North,

We beg to acknowlege receipt of the following
papers:

In your letter of March 24: covering electrical materials
from the International Standard Electris Corp.
I copy each of 2 invoices.
I copy packing list (3sheets)
I copy B/L

In your letter of March 29: covering above shipment
I copy insurance certificate
I copy expense bill

In your letter of March 18:
I copy each of 6 invoices
2 copy each of 2 B.L (2 were missing, but we have
sufficient papers to get
shipment)
I copy of insurance certificate.

Yours very truly,

James G. G. G. G. G.

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CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

April 30th, 1926.

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

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My dear Dr. North:-

Enclosed please find a copy of an order we are
sending to Mr. Bocker, for two plumbers' force pumps, and would
ask you to pay this bill on presentation.

Yours very sincerely,

Wm. C. Fisher

Encl:- Copy of an order. (to E. L. L.)

P.S. Enclosed please find rough analysis of Grounds, Bridges
and Monuments accounts, as at April 30th, 1926.

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April 30th, 1926.

CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

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

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My dear Dr. North:-

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Your letter to Dr. Stuart of March 19th brings to our attention that the figures sent you, on April 5th by cable, showing the amount we wish to draw did not completely answer your query. We have just been over the figures again and find that the amounts needed for cement and other materials, and the amounts due to the contractors which will be used for the Power Station, sewers, light, water etc., outside of buildings, comes to about 1/4 of the whole requirement, therefore, we will need G\$40,000.00 to finish these features of the work. We are sorry that we did not make this division in the first instance.

The rate of exchange during these days is 2 for 1, the best that has been for a long time. This, of course, reduces the amount that we will have to draw from you by 4%, that is as long as the rate stays so high.

Yours very sincerely,

John M. Gigney Gilbert

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SEATTLE

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E.B. KLUCKHOHN, ASST. CASHIER HUGH ROWLEY, ASST. CASHIER
W.H. BERRY, ASST. CASHIER

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

April 30, 1926

Mr. J. B. Gibb
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Company, New York City, and under their letter of credit #7112, we inclose herewith documents as follows:

One merchandise invoice \$118.40
One merchandise invoice 47.20
One merchandise invoice 84.50
One invoice covering freight, insurance, and dock charges \$24.85, total \$274.95.
One Marine Policy of Insurance for \$300.00 including war risk and warehouse to warehouse coverage.
1/3 on board ocean bill of lading consigned to order American Express Company, Tientsin, evidencing freight prepaid shipment four packages Plumbing Supplies Ex. S. S. "President Madison", Seattle to Shanghai.

Will you please acknowledge receipt of these documents direct to the Irving Bank - Columbia Trust Company, New York City, as well as ourselves.

Yours very truly,

WMB RFB
Inc
Reg Mail

ASSISTANT CASHIER

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Peking University

May 8, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Gibb:

We are enclosing herewith shipping documents and invoice covering shipment of copper wire by the International Standard Electric Corporation, which left New York on the S.S. Yangste on the 29th of April.

1 copy of invoice
1 " " packing list
1 " " bill of lading (negotiable)
1 " " insurance certificate

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

May 10th, 1926.

Mr. J. MacGregor Gibb, Jr.,
Yenching University Construction Bureau,
Haitieu, Peking West, China.

My dear Gibb:

I enclose a copy of letter I have sent to Bocker with reference to the order for lighting fixtures and particularly the matter of library lamps. A note from him just at hand indicates that he is following my suggestion and sending out to you the drawings with the question as to which is the best way to make them up. If you are sure that you can get thoroughly seasoned wood and that Bocker can provide an interior tube so that the fixture will not wobble at the top, I should personally favor the wooden stand.

Cordially yours,

EMM/RT

Secretary, Peking University.

1 Encl.

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COPY TO PRESIDENT STUART

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

May 12th, 1926.

Mr. J. Mc Gregor Gibb, Jr.,
Yenching University Construction Bureau,
Haitieu, Peking West, China.

My dear Gibb:

Pending writing you on other items I have to acknowledge your letter of March 31st with the enclosed minutes of the Grounds and Buildings Committee. I do not think that there is any item upon which to comment, except to regret the disability of Mr. Lund.

We note the matter of dredging the lake and presume that this will be necessary.

You will no doubt have collected enough reeds from previous crops to wrap around the heating mains in accordance with the specifications in Mr. Place's report. This is highly important as otherwise our coal bill will be far larger than it needs be.

We had to acknowledge with great satisfaction the receipt of the survey. You have gone to much trouble to get it in first class shape for us and it will be permanently valuable here. I hope that in reporting additional purchases, pencil tracing can be made of the items purchased so that we can modify the furred line which shows the boundary of the University property. It would be difficult for us to know just what a new property bought might be if we did not have such a tracing.

Cordially yours,

EMN/RT

Secretary

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

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May 14, 1926

CONSTRUCTION BUREAU
HAITIEN

Dr. Eric M. North
Peking University
New York City

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. North,

We herewith acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 24, enclosing the copy of invoice covering plumbing supplies from the John Simmons Company. The supplies have also been received and are in place.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Coleman

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Haitien, May 15th, 1926

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My dear North:-

This is just a personal letter between our two selves. As such you can use it or leave it lie just as far as your judgement dictates.

Murphy has come and gone. I am perhaps more of the opinion after his departure than I was before he arrived. Namely that he is an excellent salesman for H. K. M. and a very poor work producer.

He spent two weeks in Peking and only made two trips to the University Site. He did hold some conferences in Peking, but many of them on matters that did not pertain to the Building programme at Haitien. Perhaps some of the time was spent in studying Chinese Architecture, but I wonder whether the University should pay him for time thus spent.

When he came to Haitien he did not spend half his time here. I have not kept an exact record of the days but should say that five nights were about all he spent here, and some odds and ends of days.

The committee tried to get something in writing from him from the very start. First he began to tell some of us of the gossip (I am not sure that is a good word) criticisms he had picked up along the way. Some had to do with engineering, some with the management of the school and students, some with architecture. The committee wanted his criticisms put in writing. He did not do so. Later we wanted reports that we could consider, he never made any for us. Finally he left Peking, gave Dr. Stuart two miserable blue prints in Tientsin, and then sent a wire back, to Dr. Stuart that his immediate instructions would arrive on Wednesday. The grounds and buildings committee was to meet regularly on Thursday. The instructions were there and in presenting them Dr. Stuart confessed to feeling very nettled. I must confess to feeling the same every time I think of them. I am taking this time out of office hours to blow off steam.

Mr. Murphy takes the stand that we here in the Construction Bureau are his servants, who are blindly to follow his instructions. If we are not co-workers with the University, and part of the University, co-workers with the Trustees, the Managers, the Faculty, we would like to be told so and then we can turn the work over to some one who will be paid by Murphy and a salary that will be commensurate with the treatment received.

He also seems to think that all the changes made in the work have been done solely by the Construction Bureau. As a matter of fact nothing of importance has ever been done without thorough consultation with the Grounds and Buildings Committee, very frequently only after days of experimentation and discussion, and generally after reference to New York.

I am going to go thru his memorandum, again unofficially, and show why the whole thing galls so much.

(1) Stop all work on the bunding on lake till committee on landscaping can give instructions to Gibb etc etc.

This work was going on while he was here and he did not make any definite statement about it. The contract for the work was let by and with the consent of the G & B Com. and to close it now would in any civilized country lay us open to severe criticism.

There is no Landscaping Committee authorized to give Gibb instructions

(2) Stop all work on Bridge and Roads in Bashford Court. Re-lo-

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cate bridge (This means tear it to pieces and move it a considerable distance) and widen the bridge.

This bridge is located as per Murphy, McGill and Hamlins drawing of 1921. It is a perfect Chinese Bridge, bought and torn down and built just as it has stood for a hundred or more years. It is now set in concrete, and grouted with concrete, so that taking it to pieces would probably destroy many parts of it. To widen it would spoil the proportions of the whole thing. This matter was never mentioned to the committee but just sent back as an order after Mr. M. left us here,

(3) Make modifications in general plans to raise water level. This would put an extra burden on all of our waterproffing, would entail drilling two or three more wells and letting them flow into the lake system. . Water level today in about 95, level of the campus about 100, during the rainy season we can perhaps impound an extra foot or so of water, but to bring it up and keep it at 98, as per these instructions, is impossible without great expense and trouble.

(4) Remove immediately finials from certain buildings. We would like to point out that these finials are of the right size to go with the columns of the buildings worked out by Mr. Huang and his associates. I did not take this up with Mr. Murphy for the reason that I do not believe in trying to prove to a man that he is in error in his own line, and I have no desire to try to teach Mr. Murphy Chinese Architecture. We will proceed to change the finials but I am not sure that the effect will be any better than the present effect.

(5) Remove immediately horizontal mouldings etc Deans residence etc. This again was an attempt to harmonize New York Drawings with the real Chinese thought. Mr. M. would reply that the drawings were there and we should obey. I for one, and the committee, if I know them aright, are not willing to blindly take orders. We will take this work up, again if the womens college authorities care to put the funds at our disposal

(6) Remove Immediately the rockery in the Womans Acedemic Quadrangle and instruct Lund that other places must be found for flush tanks for sewers which he had intended to locate inside rockery.

This means, if carried out destroy two beautiful trees which are protected by the rockery. Mr. Murphy finds his building (sage) not as prominent as he would like it. The rockery making a screen in front of it. He tried to get the committee to give immediate orders while he was here; this they did not do. Many Chinese remark on the effectiveness of the rockery, just what should be done is a puzzle.

(7) Remove immediately ornaments at each side of Ninde Entrance under small roof.

This was another place where New York Drawings were not in according to Chinese Practice. I remember that they were discussed while Mr. Warner was here. The result is a compromise, an attempt to satisfy both sides of the ocean. We fear that the result of carrying out these immediate instructions will not be any better than the present attempt.

(8) Says that Architectural drawings must be carried out absolutely. We have never had any such instructions from New York and I think it would be disastrous if they were issued. Mr. Murphy does not know the China Market, and to take up point after point with New York will mean that the work is greatly delayed, and I do not feel that I can blindly follow instructions issued from so great a distance, issued on such slight knowledge of the thing under discussion, when we here have the models all around us and the Chinese who can help so much. Saying that buildings have been seriously compromised. Mr. Murphy does not mention the

many many places where the authorities here have changed the buildings and have immeasurably improved them. Perhaps the greatest improvement is in putting the curves into the roofs, in changing the facade of the Deans Residence. Which he acknowledged to me was a great improvement both in the exterior and interior of the building. Several times in going over the work he said "Yes, we made a mistake here". "He would have probably said it more frequently had we shown him all the places where the finished building differed from plans sent. But we did not think that he was sent out here to learn from those of us on the field.

(9) Remove advertising sign of Lund Gernow & Co. These signs are put up both here and in America, we would be glad to have this one removed, but do not want to raise any more points for discussion with Mr. Lund than it is absolutely necessary to raise. If this question had been raised while Mr. M. was here and we had offered to put up a sign for him, as is sometimes done, he would have accepted.

(10) do no more exterior painting until receipt of instructions from home authorities. Bureau immediately to prepare measured drawings of various buildings, with notes showing decorative treatment, then instructions to be sent out and work to be done in August & September.

All of this work has been done after samples have been submitted to the Grounds and Buildings Committee. It has been checked over by competent Chinese. It is, as far as any buildings except the Two science and the womens academic quadrangle are concerned the simplest and least expensive treatment we could get approval for, and as such has had general approval from every one. To postpone this work and then either have to put on what is prescribed or again ~~take~~ take up a long series of discussions between Peking and New York seems impossible. You will remember that this was done back in 1922 or 23, and I believe we then had the trustees approval to the plan of going ahead with the typical Chinese Style. If there are any mistakes serious or otherwise they can be corrected in two or three years or whenever there are funds for repainting.

(11) Interior painting to be done under the general advisory direction of Mr. Kung Pa ^{ing} working thru Miss Coleman, with whom I have laid out a complete basis of procedure. He then gives a long list of interior painting which is to be done before opening new buildings in the Fall, and adds even though there will be additional costs to touch up later on.

Taking the last first. It is our judgement here that interior painting should wait till the buildings can be used and especailly heated for at least one winter. This brings out the alkalai, of which there is a great deal in all our building materials, Brick, plaster, cement, lime all seem to act this way. To paint, paper or color wash sooner than after the first winter is a waste of money. It can be done if the committee here authorizes it.

I object more to the working thru Miss Coleman. Mr. Murphy suggested very indefinately some such an arrangement, and I pointed out that she was not able to go on the job and talk to apinters, both because it is not done and also because she can not talk the language, and that any instructions given to her would have to be passed by her to me and then by myself to the workmen and foremen. This being the case I asked him to tell me first hand what was in his mind, This he failed to do but sends back his orders in the above form.

(12) Put decorative pilasters on North Wall of North Womens Dormitory to improve the effect here.

This is something that we have discussed from the start. And we have always turned it down on the ground that the gain did not warrant the expenditure. One wall can be done for perhaps a hundred dollars. If we are only to do one it might be excused, if we are to do eight now and others as they come along perhaps we should not do any. The exterior wall is a typical north wall of a Chinese building.

(13) Make necessary modifications in Sewage Disposal Plant.

This is plain interference with something that does not come under his department at all. We here are certainly more anxious than he ever can be to have this and all other services as near perfect as possible. If there is anything wrong with the plant as now laid out we are the ones who brought that fact to light and we are perfectly capable to take care of it, when and if we find it necessary.

(14) Takes up the question of Minde Chapel and criticises the Construction Bureau for changing the trusses in that building. If you care to spend the time to go back over old correspondence you will find that in 1923 there was a great deal of it about these trusses. I think they were under discussion when Mr. Warner was with us. I will not go over any of the details.

Mr. M. insists that we restore two columns that were there for more than a year and were a source of criticism from both foreigners and Chinese. From the latter because they were out of place in a Chinese building and from the former because they did not look right.

Mr. M. quotes Mr. Barker as giving approval of reducing the size of the platform. Mr. Barker assured me on Sunday that he did not give any such approval.

I am not inclined to spend any more time on this whole matter. It would have been better if we here could have had full information before Mr. Murphy came to China as to just what his powers were. Neither his office nor Dr. Stuart's office had any such information. We did have a list of matters which were to be discussed, perhaps settled and decided, but as to tearing out and replacing work already done, some of it three years ago, we had no instructions.

I feel that when Mr. Murphy's report is finally delivered, the Field end should have a representative with the Trustees in New York. Mr. Barker, who worked for a year with the Construction Bureau, and has been chairman of the Grounds & Buildings Committee during the past several months, is leaving for Ireland on Friday of this week. He is conversant with the whole situation out here, knowing it better than any one with the exception of myself. I would suggest that the Trustees address him Care of the head offices of the Irish Presbyterian Church in Ireland and ask him to make a trip to New York for a thorough discussion of the Situation.

Dr. Stuart has just made a trip to the site and has left within the half hour. His visit was to go over the whole situation. To me it boils itself down to this, if the Trustees put confidence in the organization here, Managers, the Managers Building & Grounds Committee and the Construction Bureau, then the Trustees should tell the Architect that we are in the position of his clients, and that we are to be consulted and our wishes carried out, and that we are not to be ordered about like workmen. If on the otherhand we are not co-workers in the scheme, if we are not considered to be more interested in the success of every detail than any one else, while at the same time being interested in making the a-

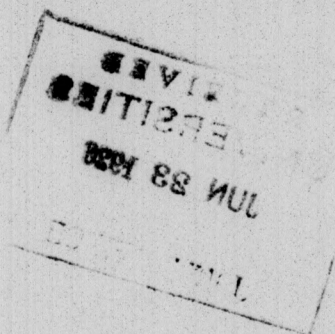
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available funds do the greatest amount of permanent , useful and
picturesque work, then we should be relieved of responsibility
and others found who can carry on under the changed conditions.

I have no particular axe to grind, there is no part of the work
that I take greater interest in than any other part. I would be
glad to be relieved if there is a better way to carry on the
work, but I have been schooled to finish a job when it is
once undertaken. It is only this that keeps me at it after
receiving the treatment that we have received. I hope that I
have not written to much.

Sincerely yours

John M. G. G. G. G.

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May 18th, 1926.

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

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. North:-

✓
The Grounds and Buildings Committee met on the 13th but as Miss Coleman has been away from the office since 11 o'clock of the 15th the minutes are not ready for sending off. However, there are some matters which should go forward as soon as possible.

✓
We yesterday cabled you to the following effect:

✓
"Buy one half of stack room stack telegram of ----- is hereby "cancelled and withdrawn March 1st of this year do you authorize "begin work at once end boys' College Gymnasium".

✓
After our cable of March 1st Mr. Hogg and the writer visited the P.U.M.C. Library and found the librarians very insistent that metal stacks should be used because of the sagging of wooden stacks, and because of the fire risks. Later a careful study of the plan, as designed by Mr. Murphy, convinced us that it was their intention to have the floor between the two tiers of stacks supported on the metal stacks themselves and this construction we did not care to undertake. You will recollect that we have from time to time called for more details in regard to the Library, as plans in hand are very inadequate and inclusive, and as we have nothing from which to work out here we thought it best to ask you to purchase the stacks in America, where you know what was meant by the plans, and where you have the resources of the Library Bureau at your command.

✓
The committee is still in the dark as to whether we are expected to commence the Warner Gymnasium. There seems to be a general opinion that we are to start this since Mr. Murphy has located the building and given us plans. On the other hand there is no official authorization in hand, hence this point in the cable.

✓
The committee on Mechanical Installation authorized requesting the Trustees to purchase an additional pump, the one wanted is :
Worthington & Simpson electrically driven Centrifugal Pump for circulating the hot water supply from the copper storage Calorifier, capable of circulating 50 U.S. Galls per minute when supplied with an electric current of 220 volts. D.C.

No further
work report
Yes, see attached

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18th May, 1926.

Such as has been bought from Royles and is found on their invoice, dated May 9th, on page 2, at the bottom of the page. This pump is to be a standby for the domestic hot water supply, also to be used in case the well ceases to flow, and for any other temporary work which may be carried on. The main committee passed the sub-committee's action.

*telegram
not received*

We will probably send off another telegram asking for permission to spend up to \$4,000.00., local currency, on telephone services. Dr. Vincent has been very active in working out a telephone scheme, of which the Trustees have had echoes from time to time. This office does not know how far this scheme has progressed up to the present. The idea includes 40 telephones in faculty residences, and about equal number for the University's administrative offices and faculty offices on the Campus. The scheme can be put thru at the cost of \$8,000.00., local currency, half of this amount is to be provided by the University from special building funds, the other half to be carried on a loan, the interest and the principle of which is to be provided by the Faculty members monthly rentals, and from University's current budget items. The Grounds and Buildings Committee at its last meeting asked Dr. Vincent to put the work in charge of the Construction Bureau, and we may be able to give you more definite information in a later letter.

Yours very sincerely,

James J. Gibb

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Peking University

May 20, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Gibb:-

The enclosed papers cover the shipment of eight cases
Duplex Ejectors furnished by E. A. Julie, the shipment being forwarded
on the 13th instant on the S. S. President Monroe of the Dollar Steamship
Line.

1 copy of invoice
1 " " shipping notice
1 " " packing list
1 " " insurance certificate
1 " " bill of lading

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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May 20th, 1926.

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

My dear Dr. North:-

We are enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of May 13th. There is very little need to be said in regard to the minutes themselves.

You will note that the location of the Chapel has been approved. The type of the building in a general way has been talked over, and follows the designs, blue prints of which we sent you sometime ago. It would seem to be an economy if the Trustees could approve of that design and allow us to finish the work here. We are not sure how much Mr. Murphy has been authorized to do, but if his sketch plans have to be submitted, and they do not differ very greatly we here can finish the work, the sketch plans might be paid for, and work started.

The question of landscaping has brought up the drawing provided by Mr. Murphy after his departure from Peking. One feature of which is a water course separating the Men's and Women's Colleges. This water course was shown in the drawing of 1921, but has been tacitly dropped after studying the ground here. Mr. Murphy in his conversations insisted that it be reconsidered. We have now made a survey of the water/course, going the easiest way, and find that it needs a removal of 45,000 cubic yards of earth. This would, we estimate, cost \$12,000.00., local currency. We have not surveyed the course proposed by ourselves during the last year or so, but it follows the old water course, and runs along the east of the main Academic Group, and is marked on the survey of 1920, so that the amount of excavation should not be great. We shall in a day or two send a blue print showing the profile of the proposed new water way. This estimate only suggests one foot of water, and it is our opinion that it will be necessary to re-dredge every year or so in order to maintain that much water.

J. North

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Please forward
copy of this
2/2/27*

*KAP
J. North
2/2/27*

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Dr. Eric M. North

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May 20th, 1926.

✓ GB 1001 This telephone wire has been run to the City, but no instrument has been installed because the Telephone Administration understand that we are providing the instrument.

✓ Mr. Hildabrand informed us this morning that certain errors in the Women's Gymnasium plans, as delivered by Mr. Murphy, so work out that the nett difference between those plans and our foundations as already installed is decreased.

Yours very sincerely,

nm^c J. J. J. J.

✓ P. S. Your letter of April 24th in this afternoon, protesting against ours of March 19th. The phrase "from tip to tip", is the phrase which the manufacturers of window shades asked us to use, so this will be clear to them. Our thought was that they would supply us with shade rollers and *usual*

Other points we will take up later when we have time to go over the correspondence. We here are evidently working under too greater a pressure. *hold on*

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24th May, 1926.

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

My dear Dr. North:-

too late now.

We have been going back over the matter of the orders for roller shades and for electric light fixtures and the criticism found for these orders in your letter of April 24th. The roller shades matter was cleared up in our previous note. The ceiling heights as far as our information goes is comparatively unimportant. The question of the erased figures was all clear in the copies in our files and we are sorry that it is not clear in your copies. The question of the finish is more serious. The phrase should have read: "You will notice that the finish down to 128 - 1910, all gold, is specified from thereon down to 3 - 3008. We would like approximately equal numbers of blue gold, all gold and bronze finishes." We hope that the two words in the original copy, which brought about the inaccuracy were crossed out in Mr. Bocker's copy. They ought certainly to have been crossed out in all the copies, which were sent out.

The tables in the Library are all 3' wide with the exception of eight which are 6', so that if this item was cleared up from the plans which you have in New York there should be little difficulty in using the fixtures supplied. We hope that this clears up all the matters in the letter of April 24th.

We are sending you under separate cover the blue print mentioned in our last letter. We are sorry that the engineers have not had time to make the survey of the water course as proposed by the Construction Bureau, but we assure you that it is insignificant as compared with the work shown by this blue print.

We have to acknowledge your letters of April 15th and 20th, just this moment delivered to our desk. We think that the transom butts delivered in error, namely, $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$, can be used, but cannot say definitely until they are tried.

Yours very sincerely,

John McFargo Gebb

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Peking University

May 26, 1926

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

My dear Gibb:

I am very much distressed to learn from President Stuart of the failure of Miss Coleman to meet your needs. She vowed that she had skill in stenography and though she had not been using it recently she would work up her speed before she reached Peking. I am particularly distressed because I thought I was getting somebody who had something of a background as to building operations and who could therefore be more helpful than some you have had. I will try to see if I can get someone else at once as Stuart asks, but I doubt that I can get anyone who will go out at once. I have three secretarial vacancies to fill and am reasonably sure of at least one person, but the others seem very hard to find.

Regretfully yours,

Secretary
Peking University

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W. J. Baker

May 26, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Gibb;

Attached are copies of invoices
number 75 - 76 - 77 - 78 - 79 - 80 - 81. You
will note that these cover items being shipped
under several of your orders.

The original documents on the
above numbered invoices are being mailed by the
bank on the S.S. Empress of Asia which sails
tomorrow. This boat will arrive in Shanghai
just three days after the S.S. Pres. McKinley.

Under separate cover we are mail-
ing you two Plumber's Friends. These are being
sent by parcel post. I cannot send you the in-
voice at this time because we do not as yet know
the parcel post charges.

We hope to have most of the bal-
ance of the lighting fixtures and all of the
window shades on the S.S. Pres. Jefferson which
sails June 3rd. The material covered by invoice
number 78 is the first lot of the British Thread
fittings to be shipped under your order dated
February 13th. There has been a serious delay
with this order because a large number of the
items had to be especially molded at the factory

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Mr. Gibb,
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because stocks were not available. We hope to have the balance of this order very shortly, however.

We trust that all of this material will arrive in good condition and that it will prove satisfactory. Thanking you and with best wishes, we are,

Yours very truly,

BOCKER & CO.

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May 26th, 1926.

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

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My dear Dr. North:-

We are enclosing herewith three copies of hardware order. This list is made out from Mr. Murphy's plans of the Women's Gymnasium. We think it best for you to have these copies in your files so that as soon as we get authorization to proceed with this building these copies can be given for estimates and the materials forwarded. The numbers on this list are from Sargeant's Catalogue, but, of course, bids may be gotten from other firms.

We are working on some estimates for the Women's Gymnasium, but have not gotten very far up to the present writing. The building cubes up 12% bigger than the Science building. If it costs 30 cents local currency per cubic foot it will work out in the neighbourhood of Gold \$96,000. for the building. We note that the plans call for steel trusses and have asked for bids from the Tientsin firms, who handle this commodity; also that there are eleven courses of granite called for, as against four courses in the other buildings. They will come to \$6,000.00., local currency. At the last meeting of the Grounds and Buildings Committee it was suggested that we do away with the granite and use the large size city wall bricks, which can be bought at the present time second hand for \$95.00., local currency, a thousand. The bricks which will take the place of the granite will come to approximately \$1,300.00 local currency. The labour of dressing them up and putting them in place will probably double this figure, but more of this later when we have additional figures.

✓ We still have no answer to our cable asking if we are authorized to build one wing of the Men's Gymnasium. We are still wondering whether we are authorized to do any work on the hospital, though the committee repeatedly asked Mr. Murphy for something definite about that building he has given us absolutely nothing. ✓

Cabled
Auth. sent.

Not yet placed
as building
held up. 7/7/27

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Dr. Eric M. North

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May 26th, 1926.

It is the writer's opinion that he will try to get the Trustees to ask him to make the drawing. The drawings shown him here were worked out after repeated conferences with the staff of the Peking Union Medical College, and have apparently been approved by Dr. Learmonth with the exception that he would like to make provision, in the wings to be built at some future date, for sun porches. Mr. Murphy's idea was that the building should be made less impressive and possibly less expensive. He criticized the north elevation as having too much window space, though all his north elevations are replicas of his south elevations, the hospital is the same.

Mr. Murphy had also criticized the Women's Dormitories which follow a more typical Chinese idea of making the north elevation almost a blank wall. The more writer reviews Mr. Murphy's comments they boil down to the point where, if it is done by Mr. Murphy it is alright, if by somebody else it is subject to criticism. We suggested to Mr. Murphy a way by which the north windows in the hospital could be made blanks wherever they were not necessary for light and ventilation, and pointed out that some of the windows in the Women's Administration were such blanks, both Mr. Murphy and some members of the committee had to confess that this fact had never come to their attention.

✓ It is now nearly the end of May, we are expecting a large shipment of cement, and can get approximately all the materials we need if we have the authorizations, otherwise we may have more war and additional delays.

✓ Shipment at Fengtai now. It looks as if our four special cars are making the round trip in about a week. This is better than we expected.

Yours very sincerely,

Ernest Jones

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May 28th, 1936.

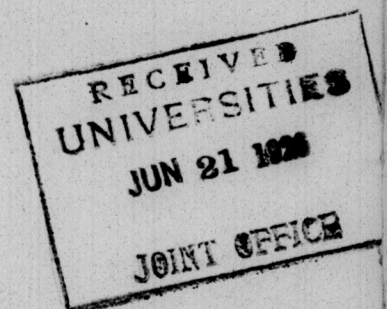
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Yours very sincerely,



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PEKING, CHINA.

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May 27, 1926

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

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To Coll
6/29/

My dear Dr. North,

The following are two reports on material shipped from Cornell & Underhill; in the case of the Flanged Cross we have patched it and can use it, tho' it should be replaced if it can be, without cost to the University. In the case of the Soil pipe, it is broken beyond repair and we should like to have it replaced as soon as possible.

"Sewage equipment 8" Soil pipe and 6" Soil pipe from Cornell & Underhill invoice dated 8/31/25 No. B 74964. Please note that one length each of the above sizes sewer pipe arrived on May 20th broken. In the case of the 8" the spigot end is missing."

* Cornell & Underhill invoice dated 11/12/25 consignment of main heating pipe, supplementary order for trenches at south end of compound. Will you please note that one 10" x 4" Cast iron Flanged Cross numbered 5 on packing list of the above date arrived here on May 20th with flange broken and broken part missing."

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Gifford

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My dear Dr. North,

*Wrote
6/29* We will be pleased if you will order for us from the
Boomer Spring people, fixtures for toilet room doors - the hinges to fit
on terrazzo slabs $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick.

No. I002 spring hinge- 90 pieces

No. OI002 90 pieces

No. I052 strike and keeper for throw latch 90 pieces

No. 5000 door latch- 90 pieces

If it is possible for them to come via Parcel Post, it will be well.

We have to-day a telegram from Mr. Murphy, giving us his
address as 'Isolation Hospital, Shanghai'. This would seem to indicate
Mr. Murphy has contracted some contagious disease; we hope it is nothing
serious.

~~Mr. Murphy~~ The content of the message is discouraging to say the
least. When Mr. Murphy left Peking he took with him one of our record
drawings; the tracing showing the location of all water mains, sewers,
main valves and heating trenches. We did not know that he had these in his
possession. As soon as we found it out, and after consulting with Dr. Stuart
we telegraphed him, asking him to please return it. Instead of doing so he
sent us blue prints, retaining the original. Dr. Stuart has already tele-
graphed in his name "insisting" that the original be returned, to this office.
There does not seem to be any excuse on the part of Mr. Murphy's carrying
off the original records, if when he was here he had asked for a print or
a tracing which was procurable, we most certainly would have supplied it.
His action in thus taking our records further convinces us that he feels
we are not in the position of clients but more in the position of his
working office. We hope the Trustees will ~~send~~ ^{insist} for the original tracing
and return it to us immediately, should it have been brought to New York.

Very sincerely yours,

JMcGG/C

J. McGehee

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Peking University

CC: Pres. J. Leighton Stuart

May 27, 1926

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

My dear Gibb:

This is to acknowledge some of your recent letters with explanations. The electric fixtures and the shades referred to in your letter of March 19th, as you know, have already been ordered.

In this connection, I have had recent occasion to observe the lighting fixtures on the tables in the new Widener Library at Harvard and in the Boston Public Library. I notice that these are so arranged that the lower edge of the shade is at least 18 inches above the table. This means that the top of the vertical support is high enough to provide for this distance for the height of the shade and the height of the bracket which holds the shade. You may wish to have this in mind in connection with the drawings Mr. Boker has sent to you. I want to compliment you on your success in getting materials through from Tientsin under the difficult conditions which were prevalent when you wrote. We also note with considerable interest the memorandum as to points to be taken up with Mr. Murphy, and we will have this at hand for consideration when his report is received.

I have to acknowledge also yours of April 13th, also the cablegram of about the 6th of April giving the figures for building operations. At the present time it looks as if we were going to be able to squeeze through, but it is going to be an extremely tight squeeze, and I cannot say positively as to whether or when you may get a cablegram holding you up, but I think that we have leeway for a month or more anyway.

In regard to the matter of the self-closing cocks, we wanted to know from whom you bought the cocks you are returning as we thought if we placed a new order with them we might be more successful in returning the goods you did not want.

I note the problem of Mr. Lund and of the plan for Mr. Bush. We shall be interested to hear what the result is, and take it that the telephone matter is being worked out with some perplexities as to what is the best way to do it. A good many of these things cannot be really decided until after the University has been in operation on the new site and has had experience with them.

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Mr.J.M.Gibb-2

5-27-26

Your letter to Mr.Bocker concerning the hardware order amused us as it is our judgment that our grumblings were entirely in your behalf, especially since the order as placed by Mr.Bocker on the basis of the way you ordered was short several hundred pair. We have placed the additional order to bring it up to what you thought you were getting.

I do not believe that we can do any better for you on electric meters than the China Electric Company. The lowest rates for such materials are those of an American concern of which the China Electric Company is the subsidiary.

I cannot understand why you have not had all the bills of lading necessary on the shipment of Shone ejectors. There is certainly some freak in the mails. I will assume that, if you do not state in your next letter or two that these are still missing, you will have had them.

We note the minutes of the Grounds and Buildings Committee meeting of April 8th upon the matters involved in the location of the Department of Education Practice School. We understand that this will all be cleared with us after Mr.Murphy's recommendations are worked over.

We also have your letter of April 26th which is of very great interest to us. I have no doubt that Mr.Murphy is making a lot of criticisms which he probably would do anyway on most any job, and the thing for us to do is to make note of all of them and study them and see whether we want to carry them out. We should get all the value of his criticisms pro and con together so that we can have the benefit of these points. You must not mind if Mr.Murphy talks about architecture as that is his business.

We have had as yet no cable with reference to the telephone item and have no doubt other information will come to us on that. I am interested to note your agreement with us as to the stage of the Bashford Memorial Building.

I note the two groups of items to be ordered and will put these on the way as soon as possible

We also note the minutes of the Grounds and Buildings Committee for April 22nd. I think there is nothing there upon which we need to act as yet. We are also very greatly interested in the notes on the April 27th conference with Mr.Murphy on the location of buildings. I am not inclined to comment upon this myself except to say that I would like to think over Item 6 concerning the building to be located at the crossing of the Axes.

I think I have not acknowledged your letter of March 1st most of the items of which we have already worked on and dealt with. I am glad to note the association of Mr.King with the Construction Committee. We have your cablegram reversing your judgment concerning the wooden stack in the library and are now trying to get the donors to provide the additional amount. I enclose a copy of a letter I have sent to Dr.Luce who is working on this. I hope that he will be successful in securing what we need.

Cordially yours

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Peking University

May 28, 1926

Prof. J. M. Gibbs,
Yenching University Construction Bureau
Haitien, Peking West,
China.

My dear Professor Gibbs:

Enclosed herewith are copies of letters from Cornell &
Underhill concerning the lost bolts. You presumably have this
information already but I think you ought to be posted as to how
the thing stands at this end of the line.

Cordially yours,

Secretary
Peking University

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