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D. C. Gilman correspondence

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BALTIMORE

6th Oct., 1897.

Prof. D. C. Gilman,

President Johns Hopkins University
City.

My dear Mr. Gilman:---

I enclose herewith note that I have recd from Rev. A. E. Bradenbaugh (who is a brother-in-law of mine), and also the reply of Miss M. E. Richmond, to his application.

Has this matter been settled, or is there any chance for Mr. Bradenbaugh? If not, I will let the matter drop, but, if so, could not his application be considered with the others? Of course, if it is too late, we will say nothing more about it.

Yours sincerely,

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WASHINGTON BUILDING,
NO. 1 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

12th July, 1898.

My dear Mr. Gilman:-

I cannot tell you
how much I appreciate your con-
gratulations. It was indeed a
very large and important business
transaction, and only time will
show whether a wise one or not,
but nothing has done me more
good and helped me more, than the
congratulations of my kind
friends.

The sale was made to the Govern-
ment at their own valuation, and
while I could have gotten more
money I did not consider it just

or fair.

Hoping you ~~are~~ having a very pleasant
time at North East Harbor, I beg to re-
main,

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Baker

Hon. D. C. Gilman,

North East Harbor, Me.

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409, WATER STREET,
BALTIMORE.

12th April, 1899.

Prof. D. C. Gilman,

City.

Dear Mr. Gilman:-

I have your letter of April 4th,
and thank you very much for your attention to this
matter.

I had hoped to see you in Baltimore on Monday
or Tuesday of this week on my return from Asheville
but find you will be away until Thursday, and as I
expect to be away until Monday will have to defer
this pleasure.

I am going to Washington tomorrow (Wednesday)
to settle up about the SS Missouri.

I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Osler coming
down on the train today, and I have suggested to
him, as long as the Government find they must have

this ship, in transferring her, I may possibly be able to make an arrangement by which I could secure accommodations for a few doctors or students to go on this ship, and in this way accomplish partly, if not wholly, my object. I will, however, see you just as soon as I find out in Washington what can be done.

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Butler

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Wm. H. Baker
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington,

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April 24th, 1899.

"My dear Sir:

"The Government purchased from you seven ships last year, including the five large twin screw fin keel freight ships, for the sum of \$4,000,000. While at the time the price seemed high, yet, upon subsequent investigation both of the ships and their values, I am satisfied that the Government received full value for its money. This has been confirmed not only by the service of the ships but by Mr. Cramp, President of the great ship-building concern of Philadelphia, who informed me they could not be duplicated for the amount or near the sum which we paid for them, which confirmed your generous offer, when I had some doubts as to paying too much for them soon after their purchase, in which you offered to return the money and \$100,000 bonus if they could be given back to you. The transaction has therefore been a most satisfactory one to the Department".

Yours very truly,

R. A. Alger,

Secretary of War.

Hon. B. N. Baker,
President,
Atlantic Transport Line,
Baltimore, Md.

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409, WATER STREET,
BALTIMORE.

22d Dec., 1899.

President D.C. Gilman,

Johns Hopkins University,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear President Gilman:-

Yesterday I telegraphed to the Hon. Secretary Hay, asking him what conclusion they had come to, that I inferred, by not hearing from him, he and the President had thought it best to do nothing in the matter. This morning I recd the following note from him:

Washington, December 21, 1899.

"Dear Mr. Baker:-

" Your inference was correct. I came to the conclusion indicated by my silence after a very careful conversation with the President on the subject. We both recognized the

"magnanimity and devotion involved in your proposal, but thought it best not to encourage it".

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) John Hay.

So this ends this chapter.

Wishing you a merry Christmas, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Baker

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*Atlantic Transport Co.,
New York.*

21st Nov., 1900.

My dear Doctor Gilman:-

I saw in the newspapers yesterday a
telegram stating you were resigning from the
Johns Hopkins.

I do hope & trust this is not so. We
cannot afford to lose you.

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Baker

Prof. D. C. Gilman,

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Baker, B.N.

409 WATER STREET,

BALTIMORE.

31st Dec., 1900.

My dear Mr. Gilman: -

I send by bearer the two books, of the Hospital Ship "Missouri" and the Hospital Ship "Maine", and must apologize for their size, but we have tried to keep an accurate record of all that has transpired since they have been in this service, which accounts for the size of these books.

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Baker

To

Dr. D. C. Gilman,

Baltimore, Md.

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409 WATER STREET,

BALTIMORE.

24th Jany, 1901.

My dear Mr. Gilman:-

I am just leaving home tonight, and am sailing Saturday at 10 o'clock by the Campania, for England.

I have seen Mr. Brandow a number of times, and I believe he is getting along very well, and expresses himself as being very much interested in the work.

I only write this to say good bye, with regrets that I am not able to come up and see you, but if there is any further information I can collect while I am in England, of anything you think will be of interest to you, if you will let me know, I will be very glad to do my best to let you have same.

I am also full of some good news today

for the Hopkins. I am not at liberty to give it to you yet, but while I am away you will doubtless hear of it, but still I cannot go away without at least telling you this: that I feel quite sure your life's work for our noble city, in the Hopkins, will yet be such a success that you can always be proud of it, as I feel sure the efforts of the good Baltimoreans will be crowned with success. This may seem a little ambiguous, but you will probably know all about it before the time I am able to return, March 15th.

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Baker

To

~~Prof.~~ D. C. Gilman,

Baltimore, Md.

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Baltimore, March 20, 1901.

Dear Mr. Bigelow:-

I have your note of March 17, which seems to have been unfortunately delayed. When I came to scrutinize the University appointments, I discovered that the first two days of April are set apart for examinations, and that the room where our lectures are usually given is thus preoccupied. This reduces us to the 28th and 30th of March. Possibly we might make it the 28th and 29th, if Dr. Schouler can give way.

As to the topics, I will write you a little later, but I am inclined to think that Latin Colonization and Dutch Colonization are most suitable to us. Our lectures are theoretically for the students of History, and we must consider what will fit in best with their needs and acquisitions. Our usual allowance is \$50. per lecture.

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*Atlantic Transport Co.
Baltimore*

13th March, 1901.

My dear Dr. Gilman:--

I have just returned home, and coming over on the steamer I had the pleasure of meeting and seeing a great deal of Mr. Poultney Bigelow, who is delivering a course of four lectures at Columbia and four at Yale, of the series of lectures which he delivered in London to the Civil Service Association, and I thought it might be a particularly good thing if we could get Mr. Bigelow to deliver one or two of his lectures in Baltimore, and if it is consistent with the rules of the Hopkins, I would arrange myself for Mr. Bigelow's compensation, for the pleasure of having him here in Baltimore, for say two lectures. I found out from him that he will be free from the 27th March. Would it be possible and agreeable to the Hopkins people to arrange for one or two lectures about that time? I presume we could make them any date between the 28th March, and say April 3rd?

I have received a letter, which I enclose herewith, from Prof. Rambeau. I remember Prof. Rambeau, being the private teacher of my

daughter, and we thought a great deal of him. I am inclined to grant his request, but would like your opinion as to whether he is really, from his experience here,, worthy and deserving, and would I be forwarding the good work? Will you please return Prof. pambeau's letter, as I have not replied to him?

I am also particularly anxious to see you some time, as I want to have a talk with you about some matters that recently came up, in fact since my return home, particularly with regard to bettering the position of the Hopkins.

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Baker

To

Prof. D. C. Gilman,

Baltimore, Md.

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*Atlantic Transport Co.
Baltimore.*

15th March, 1901.

Dear Doctor Gilman:-

I have your note of March 14th, and thank you very much for your effort to arrange a lecture with Mr. Bigelow.

If you should do anything with him, would you please make the arrangement and whatever you pay him for it, if you will kindly send me the account I would promptly send you check, as I do not want him to know I am doing this? I enclose herewith letter I have received from him today, and have written him that you would communicate directly with him if you could arrange the dates.

If you hear from him and the dates are arranged, would you kindly let me know?

I saw Mr. Brandow yesterday, but he says he is not quite ready yet to give me the points in connection with the "Maine" calendar, but he seems very much impressed with the character of the work.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you shortly, I
beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Baker

To

President D.C. Gilman,

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Atlantic Transport Co.
Baltimore.

19th March, 1901.

My dear Dr. Gilman:--

Would you please let me know by bearer
which dates you have arranged with Mr. Poultney Bigelow?

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Baker

To
President D.C. Gilman,
Baltimore.

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409 WATER STREET,
BALTIMORE.

21st March, 1901.

My dear Doctor Gilman:-

I just received your letter of the 20th, and return herewith Mr. Bigelow's note, and also enclose my check for \$100, to pay for the two lectures.

I agree with you in thinking the first two would be probably much the most suitable.

I note the only free dates are the 28th and 30th March: possibly the 29th. I think the 28th and 30th would suit Mr. Bigelow very well.

Thankng you for your attention, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Baker

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Poultney Bigelow

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Atlantic Transport Co.
Baltimore. *Wick*

22d March, 1901.

My dear Dr. Gilman:-

Have you positively arranged the dates with Mr. Bigelow? He states to me this morning he expects to leave New York on Thursday, 28th inst., at 11 o'clock, so he will be here at 3.12 on that day.

What do you think of it: would it be a good thing to advertise Mr. Bigelow's lectures a little, as I would like to have a good audience for him, if possible?

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Baker

President D. C. Gilman,

Baltimore.

~~Hamburg~~ ~~America~~

*Have you note of today and
Re 28th & 30th are agreed dates.*

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*Atlantic Transport Co.,
Baltimore.*

12th April, 1902.

My dear Doctor Gilman:-

I thank you very much for
your very kind letter of congratulation of April
8th.

I do hope and trust, as you say, a new era
of progress has begun for the Hopkins.

I hesitated for some time about accepting
the trust, on account of the pressure of business
upon me that I could not do it justice, but now
that I have accepted it, I can only say, I shall do
the best I can.

I am glad you are going to take a rest and
going to Europe, and I hope you may have a very
pleasant voyage.

Again thanking you for your very kind letter,
I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

B. N. Baker

To

Dr. D. C. Gilman,

614 Park Ave.,

Baltimore.