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H.M.M.

18 July 1917.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Curry, the representative of Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co. has told me of his interviews with you respecting the iron pillars with the snakes entwined outside the chemist's shop in Beverley. I think he no doubt told you that it is our object in this Museum to preserve all the relics we can obtain of the old pharmacies and surgeries throughout the country. If it is possible to obtain them, we should like to add the two pillars outside the premises you own to our collection, if it is in any way feasible to remove and replace them with others. Mr. Curry told me of your willingness to do this if possible, and I should be glad to know your views on the matter, and if you would be willing to let us have them at the cost of replacing them with new ones and their carriage to London.

Any time when you are in town, I shall be pleased to see you and show you through this Museum, which I feel sure contains many things that would interest you greatly.

Awaiting the favour of your reply,

Faithfully yours,

- Luden Esq.

C.J.S.T.

H.M.M.

26 June 1917.

Dear Mr. Curry,

I have just received your further communication dated June 25th regarding your further negotiation with Mr. Luden. You have carried on the negotiations so diplomatically so far that I feel sure from what you say you would be able to bring the matter to a successful conclusion on the spot if you can see him again. This would be better than any interference from me as he would begin to exaggerate the value of the pillars. Commercially speaking they are not worth more than £10., but I dare say Mr. Wellcome would be willing to go up to another £5. if their acquisition can be carried out.

I am sorry I could not consider the suggestion about the trip to London, but if you can get him to say what price he would take for the pillars before you leave Hull district, I could then take it up with him by letter later on. I have given you what I consider would be our idea of value as a guide.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

BURROUGHS WELLCOME & CO., LONDON

Date June 25.17

Re Mason & Booth.

Dear Sirs
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Beverley.

I have had a further conversation
with Mr Luden.

He is a clerk in the Hull
Corporation Offices & was the son
of Mr Luden of Beverley. He
is in poor circumstances, but
owns his own small house
at Hull (38-Berensford Avenue
Newlands, Hull) & the shop at
Beverley occupied by Mason &
Booth & the adjacent shop
as well. He is a friendly
hospitable unassuming man
& would be quite willing to
part with the premises, but
may be turned either way
by the tenant or ourselves.
He is interested in the
S.M.M. & I think will
be induced to negotiate.

BURROUGHS WELLCOME & Co., LONDON

Date.....

Re

Dear Sirs,

Mr Luder is youngest
man & probably has the
say.

The best way would
be for the Curator to
write a nice friendly
letter, invite Mr & Mrs
Luder to London for a
week end, pay their expenses
& then a £5 note the
sale could be concluded
after showing them the
H. M. M.

If this does not appeal
it is better for the
Curator to write in
a day or two &
negotiate by correspondence
or advise me what
to say & I can write
if necessary

BURROUGHS WELLCOME & Co., LONDON

Date June 21.17.

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Dear Sirs,

Mason & Booth.

Beverly.

I have seen Mr Ludden today. He is a young man, his father was a Col in Beverly & owned the shop in question. He states that he is interested in the H. M. M. & would be willing to part with the mill as he is unable to make any decision as to remove them would necessitate structural alterations. Without seeing a Builder, he could not decide whether it would be advisable or possible to interfere with them. Also, he would require to know if Mr Chasman objected. On the whole

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Date.....

Re

Dear Sirs,

He seems favourable to the idea & it does not strike me that - apart from the cost of replacement - he is anxious for much payment. He also seems willing to dispense to Mr. Mason's sanction if entitled to.

The matter is now left that Mr. London will

- 1) Make up his mind
- 2) Ascertain Mr. Mason's wishes

- 3) Consult a builder as to cost &c.

I have given him the name of the Curator address

& if nothing is heard in the course of a week or so. The Curator should

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Date.....

Re

Dear Sirs,

write himself to Mr. Loden.

It was - of course - impos-
sible to avoid mentioning
the fact of the H. M. Co.
I could not pose as
a private individual
to Mr. Mason.

H. M. Co.

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Date June 19.17.

Re Mason & Booth

Dear Sirs,

Hull.

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reference to attached 2/4
note. I learn from Mr Mason
that considerable interest attaches
to the room pillars referred to.
The shop is known to country
people as the "Smale Shop".
The property is not Mr Mason's
it is owned by Mr Luden,
38, Beresford Avenue, Newlands
Hull. & Mr Mason could
in no case entertain the
idea of selling the pillars as
they are not his to sell.
Mr Mason says he would
much rather we did not
approach Mr Luden, as he
would not wish the pillars
removed for reasons mentioned.
I can however see Mr Luden
if you advise me to do

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Re _____

Dear Sirs,

so far return I do not
know if Mr Mason's opinion
would take an active form
if the owner were approached
I do not suppose he could
interfere. As he has
so distinctly expressed his
objection to me approaching
Mr Ludden it is best for
you to decide what you
think should be done. Only
please let me know. I
I have no doubt I can
arrange matters.

Yours
H. Curry

BURKINGHAMS WELLCOME & CO. LONDON

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See Letter 19.6.17.

re Mason & Booth, Ltd., 67, Prince's Avenue,
Hull.

This firm has a branch at Toll Gavel, Beverley, and the shop is believed to be the oldest chemist's shop in Beverley. It was founded about 1759. It has two iron pillars with a large snake entwined around each, at the side of the entrance door, and it has been suggested that these iron pillars would be of interest to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

The rep. should make a point of seeing Mr. Mason at Prince's Avenue, to sound him regarding the value he places upon these iron pillars and whether he would be prepared to consider disposing of them at a reasonable price. It is of course recognised that to remove these pillars would necessitate their being replaced with others of a more modern type. The value of the pillars themselves is small but the chief expense in connection with the matter would be their removal and replacing. The matter will have to be raised very diplomatically with Mr. Mason to avoid him jumping to the conclusion that the pillars are very valuable, which they are not, but they are of course of interest to the W.H.M.M.

12th February, 1917.

22 JUN 1977

Mr Thompson

Any further negotiation
will have to be by
correspondence as Mr. Baum
is now leaving
the locality.
Black

British born subject -

Yes

lars:-

J. Howe.

date of naturalization

istration (under Aliens'
Registration Regulations)

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