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BALESTRA, CAV. G

'13/'17

H.M.M.

Translation of letter to Balestra, 25 March 1914.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you very cordially for presenting the plaster bust of the bas-relief on the ancient sarcophagus at the Villa Haig. It duly arrived today quite safely and uninjured, and we are much indebted to you for this most interesting presentation to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

Again thanking you very cordially for your kindness,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.T.

H.M.M.

Letter to Cav. Balestra (G), Via Flaminia 128, Rome. Feb. 17th 1914.

I have heard from Mr. H.D. Johnson that you are willing kindly to present to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum, a cast of the bas-relief on the ancient sarcophagus at the Villa Haig, and I should like to thank you very much for the trouble you have taken in obtaining a copy, and for your kindness in offering it to the Museum, to which it will be a most valuable addition.

I have also received from Mr. Johnson the interesting photographs of the Sarcophagus and of the Villa Haig.

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Mr. Dowdeswell.

Mr. E.D. Johnson, British Vice-Consul of Rome, 20 Via Calabria, Rome, has written to ask if he can obtain one of your first aid cases at the prices given to professional men. Mr. Johnson has taken some trouble in obtaining us a present of a cast of a bas relief from a print and he ^{is} also presenting us with several interesting photographs.

16 Feb. 1914.

Wigmore Street.

SNOW HILL BUILDINGS

LONDON, E.C.

The Sarcophagus of
a physician -

• According to Petersen

is in the Villa Haig,
at Monte Patoli, now

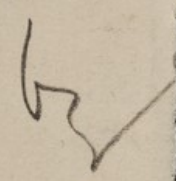
the property of Sig. Balestra.



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^{Warc}
des original sculpture

CAV. GIUSEPPE BALESTRA

VIA FLAMINIA 128

25 March 1914.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the cast of the bas-relief on the ancient sarcophagus at the Villa Haig, so kindly presented to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum by the Chev. G. Balestra, has just arrived safely. I have written to him thanking him very cordially for his kind gift, which we shall value highly.

I take this opportunity of thanking you also very heartily for the trouble you have taken in the matter.

Faithfully yours,

H.D. Johnson Esq.,
Vice-Consul,
20, Via Calabria,
Rome.

H.M.

16 February 1914.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged by your letter of February 13th informing us that Cav. G. Balestra is willing to present a plaster cast of the bas relief to the Museum; also for the interesting photographs and books which you also sent.

I have asked Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co. to communicate with him direct with reference to the medicine chest.

Yours faithfully,

J. S.

H.D. Johnson Esq.,

20 Via Malabria,

Rome.

Private

20 VIA CALABRIA
ROMA

July. 13. 1914

Dear Sir,

I am adding a few lines
to ask you whether the firm
of Messrs Burroughs Wellcome & Co
is connected, or interested in
any way with your museum.

I put this question because
I should like to approach
them in view of obtaining, at
the price made to professional
men, of one of their prompt aid
cases which are most convenient.

convenient for tourists.

I am thinking of going to
Northern Italy ~~also~~ and climb
the Alps in summer and I
should like to have one of
these cases which, as no doubt
you are aware, are fitted with
all that is necessary from a
medical point of view.

If I am wrong in addressing
you will you please accept
my apologies and destroy

This

this letter; but I thought that
if Messrs. Burroughs & Wellcome
were connected in any way
with your museum you would
not mind submitting to them
my request -

On hearing from them I would
of course send them a remittance

Thanking you in advance,
I remain

Yours very truly,

H. D. Johnson

C. J. S. Thompson &
London.

Photos.

1. Main building of Villa and garden
2. New garden at one side of house.
3. Another garden on other side of building.
4. One of the long avenues with Roman pines
Chev. Balista is seen standing to the right.
5. Panoramic view of the Villa.
6. Ancient historical Palace called "Papa Giulio"
(Pope Julius) once ^{the} property of Prince Colonna
and now belonging to Chev. Balista.

Trans. of letter to Sig. Balestra.
Villa Haig, Monte Patioli.

17 Dec. 1913.

Dear Sir,

I desire to know if you would very kindly furnish us for the H.M.M. with a large photograph of the panel in the Sarcophagus that I understand is in your possession at the Villa Haig showing a seated figure of a Roman physician holding a scroll in his hand. We should very much like to have a plaster cast of this bas relief in the Museum if it were possible and we should be quite willing to bear the expense of having the same done if it is not troubling you too much to have it made for us. Failing this, if we could have a large accurate photograph for which we should be also pleased to pay the cost, we should greatly appreciate your kindness.

I am sending under separate cover a copy of the guid book to the H.M.M., which I think will perhaps interest you.

Thanking you in anticipation of your early reply,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

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Palatka

(20 Via Calabria)

Rome, February 13th 1914

Dear Sir,

My friend, Chev. G. Balestra, of 128 Via Flaminia Rome, has asked me to write to you apologizing for the delay in acknowledging your letter of Dec. 17. 1913.

The fact is that he has experienced some difficulty in getting a good cast of the bas-relief referred to by you. At last he has succeeded in obtaining a clear reproduction of the said bas-relief which he is sending you. He does not want to be refunded of the cost of the cast and freight, and is very happy to offer the cast as a present to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum. We hope to send it off by goods' train early next week.

Meanwhile I am sending you, under separate registered cover two photos, one of the whole sarcophagus and the other of the bas-relief in question as well as six photos of the Villa Balestra (formerly Haig).

I enclose a description of the six photos, the numbers corresponding to those at the back of the photos.

I am also sending you two booklets on the Villa Balestra which Chev. Balestra thinks might interest you.

The Director

Wellcome Historical Medical Museum

London.

I should be obliged by your kindly acknowledging
the receipt of photos and booklets. Perhaps you would
like also to write to Chev. Bealstra, whose card
I enclose

We should also like to hear in due course
of the safe arrival of the cast.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully
A. D. Johnson

British Vice Consul in Rome.