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PAGET, STEPHEN

13/15

H.M.M.

26 April 1915.

Dear Mr. Paget,

Many thanks for yours of the 24th and for the information respecting the cabinet. Would you kindly let me know Mr. Quain's Christian names, as I see there were so many, and the names would identify him. I shall take care to respect your wish, and your name shall not be mentioned in any way. Will you kindly deliver the cabinet and instruments to bearer.

With many thanks for all the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Telephone :
Park 975.

21, Ladbroke Square, W.,
London.

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STEPHEN PAGET, F.R.C.S.

April 26. 1915

Dear Mr Thompson

Thank you for your letter. The owner of the cabinet was Richard Quain, brother of James Quain the anatomist, & cousin of Sir Richard Quain.

He was President of the R. Coll. Surg in 1868. He was Surgeon, & afterward Consulting Surgeon, to University College Hosp. He was born in 1800 & died in 1887.

You will find all about him in Sir William Mac Cormac's Address of Welcome at the Centenary Festival of the R. Coll. Surgeons in 1900.

Believe me Yours very truly
Paget.

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April 24. 1915

Dear Mr Thompson

Thank you for your letter & the cheque for
£10.0.0. I will give the man the receipt
when he calls on Monday for the cabinet.
I fear I cannot suggest an inscription:
but I must bargain, please, that my
name shall nowhere appear.

The cabinet belonged to Mr Quain, of
Coventry Square, the surgeon: not to be
confounded with Sir Richard Quain,
nor with Quain the anatomist. He died
some 25 years ago. He was, I believe,

on the staff of University College Hospital.
I'm sorry that I cannot help you
more. I used to assist my father
in attending him in his last illness;
and the family, after his death,
gave me the cabinet. But keep
my name out of it, please.

Believe me yours truly
Stephen Paget.

H.M.M.

24 April 1915.

Dear Mr. Paget,

I much regret the delay in sending for the cabinet and instruments as we have been closed here for cleaning, and are short-handed, but I will send a cart on Monday morning. I am enclosing you herewith a cheque for the same as promised, and shall be glad if you will kindly sign the enclosed receipt and hand it to the man when he calls.

When you send the cabinet would you be good enough to let me have what you think would be a suitable inscription to have placed upon it for the Museum.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

H.M.M.

1 April 1915.

Dear Mr. Paget,

Your letter of the 31st ult. just to hand from which I note you accept the offer for the cabinet and all Mr. Quaint's instruments it contains. I am so sorry that I am unable to do more, but as I am sure you will understand, all means are limited just now.

Our Museum is closing from today until April 19th, but I will send a cart for the cabinet as early as possible the week after next as soon as I return to town, and I will then send you a cheque.

Would you kindly let me have any history of the cabinet you can give that would be suitable for an inscription to have placed upon it.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Faithfully yours,

C. J. S.

TELEPHONE,
PARK 975.

March 31. 1915

21, LADBROKE SQUARE,
W.

Dear Mr Thompson

Of course I'm sorry you don't offer more than £10 for the cabinet, as the money isn't for myself. Still, I should not get more for it elsewhere: so I accept your offer. Will you please send for it as soon as possible?

Thanking you for your letter, I remain
Yours truly
Stephen Pappit.

I am including all Mr Lucian's instruments:
but not, of course, my own.

H.M.M.

31 March 1915.

Dear Mr. Paget,

I have just heard from Mr. Wellcome with reference to the mahogany instrument cabinet. He wishes to be remembered to you, and is afraid that he will have to be away for some months under medical advice, and so has to leave the matter in my hands.

I think the cabinet and the instruments it contains which you so kindly showed me should be worth Ten Pounds, and if this is agreeable to you, I shall be pleased to carry out the purchase on Mr. Wellcome's behalf for that amount.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

H.M.M.

26 February 1915.

Dear Mr. Paget,

I will do my best to call and see you with reference to the cabinet between two and three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon next. If anything should prevent me, I will 'phone you on the morning of that day.

Thanking you for your kind note,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

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STEPHEN PAGET, F.R.C.S.

Feb. 25. 1915.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your letter. The cabinet will be here for you to see any afternoon next week between 2 and 3. I have been hoping, as the money will all go to charity, that I might get £20 for it: but I doubt whether you are likely to offer more than £15, and I would accept that: but I should vastly prefer the former sum! A very fine collection of lithotomy forceps — unique, I should think, in a London consulting practice — would be added! Believe me yours truly
Stephen Paget.

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Carrington
~~Myers~~

Paquet (S.)

H.M.M.

25 February 1915.

Dear Mr. Paget,

I desire to acknowledge your letter addressed to Mr. Wellcome who is at present travelling in out-of-the-way places abroad.

Many thanks for offering the cabinet that belonged to the late Mr. Quain. I have some recollection that you pointed it out to me when I called to see you last year. Will you kindly let me know what value you place upon it, and I will come up to examine it again one afternoon next week between two and three o'clock if convenient for you.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

C.T.
TELEPHONE,
PADDINGTON 975.

July 19. 1913

21, LADBROKE SQUARE,
W.

Dear Mr. Wellcome

I am greatly obliged to you for
your letter: and I am truly glad
that you are pleased with my
offerings to your Museum.

Believe me yours very truly
Stephen Paget.

TELEPHONE,
PARK 975.

Feb. 24. 1915.
21, LADBROKE SQUARE,
W.

Dear Mr. Wellcome,

I have a very handsome cabinet for
surgical instruments, which used to belong
to Mr. Quain. It is a good piece, well
deserving of a place in your Museum. But
I want some money to spend on a
War fund, and on a charity in London:
and I can hardly do that, as things are now,
unless I sell something!

If you care to purchase it, at your own
valuation, the money will all go as I say!

The curator of your Museum can see it here
any day at any time.

Believe me yours truly
Sturtevant Paget.

I give myself the pleasure of sending you the

latest edition of our Society's leaflet; and the
French version. We have distributed more
than 300,000 of the English version: and
I think it has helped to break the
attack made by the anti people on the
protective treatment.

Wellbeck Palace Hotel.

18th July 1913.

Dear Mr. Paget,

I was surprised and delighted beyond words when I saw the highly interesting collection of instruments, etc. belonging to your late father, Mr. Richard Quain and yourself which you have so generously presented to the Historical Medical Museum. These will form an extremely important addition to our surgical section, and I can assure you I fully appreciate your valuable gift.

Pray accept my very hearty thanks,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

July 8th, 1913.

Stephen Paget, Esq., F.R.C.S.,
21, Ledbrooke Square, W.

Dear Mr. Paget,

I desire to thank you very cordially on behalf of Mr Wellcome for presenting the interesting surgical instruments which have duly come to hand for the Historical Medical Museum, they will form a valuable addition to our exhibit of Historical Instruments, and I am sure will interest many of our visitors. I propose to keep them together and place them apart from the other Instruments as relics of your father with a suitable label attached acknowledging our indebtedness to you.

The Instrument Cabinet you mention in your letter would be a most valuable addition to have if you are able to obtain it for us. Referring to the ~~crucifix~~ P.S. in your letter with respect to the Crucifix, I must say that this

July 8th, 1913.

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object is really exhibited as a sacred reliquary, it was brought from Spain some years ago where it was reputed to possess healing properties, and at the back is said to contain a portion of the Cross of Calvary. Our object in exhibiting it is in connection with the purpose for which it is used and both Mr. Wellcome and myself would be sorry if this was misconstrued in any way. If it was likely to give offence to any one I should certainly remove it, and beg to thank you for calling my attention to the matter.

Again thanking you very cordially for your kindness and for the ~~hospitality~~ courtesy you extended to me on my visit on Friday.

I am,

Faithfully Yours,

Mr. C.J.S.Thompson,

The following extract from a letter from Mr. Stephen Paget
dated 20th June
to Mr. Wellcome/ Mr. Wellcome wished you to have -

I have been reading with great interest the catalogue of your Museum which I hope to see next week. It is indeed a splendid collection. I do not find that you have Tweed's bas-relief portrait of John Hunter. I have a copy of it which the artist gave to me: and it would give me great pleasure to present it to your Museum.

I venture to point out that portrait No.283 should be Sir James not Sir George Paget. Barlow I know engraved the portrait of Sir James Paget. I do not think there is any engraved portrait of Sir George.

With reference to the latter paragraph, Mr. Wellcome notes -

"Correct in next issue"

30th June, 1913

E. Maund

TELEPHONE,
PADDINGTON 975.

June 30. 1913.

21, LADBROKE SQUARE,
W.

Dear Mr. Wellcome

It was very kind of you to write
to me; and I am delighted that
you are so pleased with the bas-relief
of Hunter. It could not have a
better home. Believe me

Yours very truly
Stephen Paget.

X I have many instruments, about the date
1840; a few of them, I think, are
of interest. If one of your staff
would care to come and choose
among them, any morning this week,
it would give me great pleasure.

TELEPHONE,
PADDINGTON 975.

July 3. 1913
21, LADBROKE SQUARE,
W.

Dear Mr. Thompson

The things are all ready whenever
you like to send for them. I am
asking after something that I'm
sure you would like to have - my
father's instrument-cabinet. It
isn't more to five: but I'm asking
after it - yours truly S. Papp.

P.S. May I say that one thing bothered
me in the museum? I didn't like
to see the crucifix put among amulets
& charms! Please forgive this very
plain hint!

TELEPHONE,
PADDINGTON 975.

June 24. 1913

21, LADBROKE SQUARE,
W.

Dear Mr Wellcome,

I have the pleasure of sending you
the bas relief of Hunter - which was
given to me by the artist, Mr John Tweed.
I hope that it may be taken as a
very small sign of my regard.

Believe me yours truly
Stephen Paget.