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Mr Bright.

Mr Wellcome wishes that when Dr Balfour comes back on the 30th inst., you should bring before him the question of obtaining the loan of the Lee penny for the H.M.E.

Particulars about the Lee penny.

The famous medical amulet - the Lee penny, which was introduced by Sir Walter Scott into his novel - "The Talisman" - belongs to Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., of The Lee Castle, Lanark. We are informed that he regards it as a very valuable family relic.

This paper is to be brought to Mr Wellcome when Dr Balfour comes together with the pamphlet attached. Also please give Dr Balfour half a dozen copies of the new syllabus of the H.M.E.

June 13. 1904

E.G.



June 13. 1904

Dear Sir,

Very many thanks for the trouble you have taken with respect to the loan of the Lee penny for my forthcoming historical medical exhibition. I will make an application to Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, and you will no doubt hear of the result.

I return herewith the two letters you kindly sent me.

I am,

Yours very truly,

J. P. Gilmour Esq.,  
312 Cathcart Road,  
Glasgow.

J. P. GILMOUR, M.P.S.  
REGISTERED CHEMIST.

312 Cathcart Road,  
Glasgow. 16<sup>th</sup> June 1904

H. S. Wellcome Esq.  
London

Dear Sir The delay in  
replying to yours of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
inst. is due to the fact, that  
I have been in correspondence  
on the subject of your inquiry,  
with the two Lomax chemists  
Messrs E. Chislett and J. & D.  
Hilston. whose letters, just  
received. I enclose for your  
information.

Although there  
is not a very hopeful prospect  
of getting a loan of the  
Lee Heavy for your most  
important & interesting  
Exhibition, it is always



possible that a man of  
your standing and influence  
may succeed where others  
would fail. I think it is  
worth trying for, in any  
case. As Mr. Hilston remarks,  
at the worst, Sir Simon  
Donaldson Lockhart "can  
but refuse" -

I enclose a  
few copies of the reprint  
of ~~my~~ our article on  
"The Lee Review" in the hope  
that they may be of some  
use.

With compliments  
I am.

Yrs faithfully  
J. P. Gilmore

P.S. I shall be glad to hear,  
if you decide to apply for a  
copy of the "Review" of the upshot  
of your the affair J. P. G.

Extract of letter from Mr C. Chislett, Dispensing Chemistk Lanark, to  
Mr W. Gilmour, Glasgow, dated June 14th, 1904.

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"Re Lee Penny, the present owner, address Sir Simon Macdonald  
Lockhart, Bart., The Lee, Lanark. It seems to be a very precious article,  
no-one in the town that I have come in contact with has seen it, nor heard  
it ever been out on loan."

Extract of letter from Mr J.D.Hilston, 1 Wellgate Street, Lanark, addressed  
to Mr J.P.Gilmour, dated 14th June 1904.

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"We are afraid that the present owner of the Lee penny (Sir Simon  
McD Lockhart, Bart) will hardly be inclined to lend it.

He seems to value it very highly, sending it to his Bank for  
safety when he goes to London.

There could however be no harm in writing him on the subject; he  
can but refuse.

Address :-

Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart.  
Lee Castle,  
Lanark.



June 10. 1904

Dear Sir,

I have been much interested in the article contributed by you to the "Chemist & Druggist" of the 4th inst., and should be glad to know if you could tell me who is the present owner of the Lee penny, and if you think it would be possible to obtain the loan of it for my forthcoming historical medical exhibition, particulars of which I beg to enclose.

I am,

Yours very truly,

J. P. Gilmour Esq.,  
312, Cathcart Road,  
Glasgow.