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May 10. 1904

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of the 7th inst. I shall be pleased to have all the bell metal mortars you will be able to lend me when my exhibition takes place, the date of which is not yet fixed. I should also be glad to have the loan of Barbette's Chirurgical and Anatomical works; also Samuel Cooke's Mellificum Chirurgiae "Pomet's" History of Drugs and Ambrose Pare's work I already have copies of.

As soon the date of the exhibition is fixed, I will inform you of the time and place to which these articles should be sent.

Again thanking you,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Daniel Davidson Esq.,
Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer.

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TELEPHONE No. 049.

D. DAVISON,
Pharmaceutical Chemist.

AND AT FAKENHÄM

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

May 7 1904

Dear Sir, I am not sure if the
delay in replying to your circular
letter, has been such as to
make this offer of no avail, but
I have 7 or 8 Analyze Bell metal
mortars which I shall be very
pleased to loan you. I have
a collection of 37 out at
the St Louis Exhibition and
these I now offer are some I
have since acquired. I have
also one or two old Surgical
works i.e. Ambrose Pare
1649 Folio & full of most

marvellous illustrations.

Chirurgia Anatomical works
of Paul Barbethe. hand into
English 1677

Mellebecum Chirurgia or
the marrow of Surgery -
by James Cooke of Warrick. 1685

& an old herbal & Materia
Medica. by "Pomet".

These I shall be very willing
to place at your disposal
if you wish.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Wadsworth

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January 13. 1905

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 11th inst. addressed to Mr Wellcome, who is travelling abroad, has been opened by me in his absence. If you could give me some idea of the date when the mortars from St. Louis may be expected in London, I will see what can be done and advise you further. *With*

many thanks for your kind assistance,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Daniel Davidson Esq.,
Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer.

TELEPHONE No. 049.

D. DAVISON,
Pharmaceutical Chemist.

AND AT FAKENHAM

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

Jan 11 1905-

Dear Sir, Some time ago
I wrote you offering to loan
some ancient Bell Metal Markers
to you. for your Exhibition.
I had a collection of these at
St Louis. They will I expect
shortly be home again if
you care to have them on
loan I shall be pleased
to consent. in that case
and if the Exhibition is
not long delayed. it may

be worth while for you to
receive these in delivery from
steamer.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Davison

RECD. 12 JAN 1905

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TELEPHONE No. 049

D. DAVISON,
Pharmaceutical Chemist.

AND AT FAKENHAM

Answered.

17 MAY 1905

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer,

May 13. 1905-

Dear Sir & your Satisfaction,

My collection of Mortars is probably
now in London. returned from
St Louis. is there yet
any fixed arrangement as to
opening your Medical
Satisfaction. if so perhaps
you would like to receive
My mortars from Steamer
or save carting backward
& forward to London Cromer.
Kind & reff. as I want to

make my own arrangements
with the Royal Commission
or their agents

Yours truly
Daniel Davis

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485

May 17th 1905.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., in which I note that your collection of mortars has now arrived in London from St. Louis, I have been obliged to postpone the historical medical exhibition for some months hence, owing to the great magnitude of the work involved and having decided to make it as large and complete as possible. Under these circumstances, I think it would be better that I had not the mortars until just before the exhibition is open.

As soon as I can fix a definite date, I will advise you in due course of the time and place to which these mortars should be sent.

Thanking you for your kind letter,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Daniel Davison Esq.,
Pier Pharmacy,
Grosvenor.

H.M.E.

22nd March, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 15th inst., from which I note you are desirous of selling your collection of old mortars.

Before I could pass any opinion, I should be glad if you would kindly forward me photographs and descriptions of them, together with dimensions, namely, height and diameter across the top. Also state how many bear dates. On receipt of this information, I will give the subject my best consideration, and you may rest assured that I shall treat the matter as confidential.

I am,

Yours very truly,

(signed) HENRY S. WELLCOME

D. Davison, Esq.,

per C.J.S.T.

The Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer.

TELEPHONE No. 049

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

AND AT FAKENHAM.

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer,

Mar 15 1909

Dear Sir Some time ago you
were interested in Medical
& Pharmaceutical Antiques
& I offered to loan you my
collection of Bell Metal
Mortars. I am now desirous
of selling the collection
would you care to buy it.
It consists of 80 mortars all
antique & most of them very
fine. They were exhibited
in the St Louis Exposition.
& given medal & diploma. The
collection has been fully described

and illustrated in the Chemist.
& Druggist. and the American
Druggist. & has been illustrated
& described in the Connoisseur.
it is without doubt the finest
collection in Great Britain
either in public Museums or
in the hand of private collectors.
These articles have become very
rare and it would be impossible
to get together such a collection
of English Mortars. as the
majority are. I have spent
more than I can well afford
on this hobby and with some
growing up I should be glad
of the money. The lowest
price for the entire collection

is £250. It would be
a pity from a Connoisseurs
point of view to have such
a good collection of antiques
dispensed. I hope both as a
Chemist and a lover of antiques
you will be interested enough
to purchase. I shall
be very pleased to send
you photographs & descriptions
of the mortars if you desire.
I have told no one of my
intention to sell so please
treat this communication as
private. I write to you
because I know you are

interested in Pharmaceutical and
medical Antiquaries and also
identified with ones own business,

I am Sir

Yours faithfully
Daniel Dawson

Genl. S. Wellcome Esq

Dawson

Photographs and magazine

articles in Drawer IV.

catalogue cabinet.

Returned

See letter, 21st May 1909.

Reed.
24 MAR 1909
TELEPHONE NO. 049

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

AND AT FAKENHAM.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

March 23 1909

Dear Sir I am sending you under
separate cover. memoranda
relating to my collection of mortars.
The first article I had published in Chemical
& Druggist. I regret I cannot find
so I send the Connoisseur Article. which
is much the same. It does not
quite as fully illustrate mortars:
This. and the article of C. & D which
are enclosed give general details
of the collection. I send as well
mss of an article I wrote for
an American Journal. If you have
hot time or inclination to read it
all. There is at the end a
description of Mortars and the

accompanying photographs illustrate them.

I may say that 24 mortars have

date & inscription

several others are dated all over

e.g. bust of Charles II. Monogram

& Arms of Charles I. Commonwealth

Arms, &c. such like ornament or
decoration which identify them
as of a certain period.

There are only about 10 plain
Mortars & these are of interesting
shape. I may say that my

object has been to get together
a collection presenting the
greatest variety of type. I

have corresponded with most people
who are interested in these old
Mortars. & there are many. and

I can say that I have never come

across such an interesting lot as my
own: in England. I know a collector
on the Continent who has more
but as I have specialized as far
as possible in English Mortars
my collection is unique.

It has taken me 16 years to get
these together. I have had much
pleasure in so doing. and it will
be a great wrench to part with
them. it is no lack of interest
but hard times which forces me
to think of selling them. I do
not desire to press you to take
them. They are worth what I
ask for them. and without
unduly troubling I trust you may
wish to buy them. because

The Collection will then be kept
intact. and connected with
Pharmacy. Any further
information I can give is at
your disposal. if you would
Care to come & see the mortars
I shall be glad to shew them to you
and shall feel honoured if you
will allow me to offer you
hospitality.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Dawson

H.M.E.

26th March, 1909.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 23rd inst., I have duly received the collection of articles and photographs of your mortars which you kindly sent me. Before going further into the matter, I should like you to let me have some better idea of their sizes, as it is impossible to judge from the photographs. It is not necessary to send me dimensions of each, but the best way, perhaps, would be to divide them into three classes, namely, small, medium, and large, and let me know how many there are of each size, giving the average height and diameter across the top in each class.

I thank you for your kind offer of hospitality, but I am afraid that, owing to pressure of business, I shall not be able to leave town for some time. It is probably that a member of my staff may be in your district in a few weeks' time. If so, I may perhaps ask him to call on you to look at the mortars.

I am,

Yours very truly,

D. Davison, Esq.,
The Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer.

RECEIVED
1 JUN 1910

WOODFORD HOUSE,
CROMER.

May 30. 1910

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge
yours of 27th. I cannot
trace any letter of 29th April
as you mention, and
have been somewhat
surprised at delay in
hearing from Mr Wellcome.
Will you please inform
me if he has yet returned
so that I can write him.
Yours faithfully
Daniel Havens

Duplicate.

S.H.B.

27th May, 1910.

Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 29th ult.,
Mr Wellcome will be glad if you will now kindly
forward the mortars to London as early as possible,
and he will give the matter his consideration at
an early date.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

D. Davidson Esq.,

Pier Pharmacy,

Gromer.

Duplicate.

29th April 1910.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd inst., Mr Wellcome desires me to say that if you will have your collection of mortars carefully packed and forwarded addressed to him at Snow Hill Buildings, he will give the matter attention directly on his return to London.

Yours faithfully,

Secty.

D.Davison Esq.,
Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer.

TELEPHONE No. 049

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

AND AT FAKENHAM.

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer,

April 22 1900

Recd
APR 25 1910

Dear Sir - You will remember that
we had some correspondence
last year relating to my collection
of Antique Mortars, and I
could not then see my way to
accept your offer of £150
for the collection. I have
had some reverses and must
in consequence realize the
mortars, and shall be glad
if you will take them at
£150. It is rather a wrench
to part with them as they

have given me much pleasure
but it will be a satisfaction to
feel that the collection will
not be dispersed if you purchase.
I should be very grateful for
your prompt reply with instructions.
I may say that the mortars are exactly
as last year. I have not been
battered about.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Dawson

S. Wellcome Esq

TELEPHONE No. 049
—
D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.
—
AND AT FAKENHAM.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

Recd
APR 25 1910

Apr 22 1910

Dear Sir I shall be much obliged
if you will let Mr Wellcome
have enclosed at your early
convenience. Thank you
for your letter of April 2nd
I am to forward on communication.

Yours faithfully
David Davison

Duplicate.

2nd April 1910.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. and have to advise that Mr Wellcome is not expected to return for some time yet. If, however, you will forward your communication to me respecting the pharmaceutical antiques referred to, I shall be very pleased to send it on to Mr Wellcome when next writing him.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) Geo. E. Pearson.

D. Davison Esq.,
Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer.

TELEPHONE No. 049

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

AND AT FAKENHAM.

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer,

Apr 1 1900

Recd
2
APR 2 1910

Dear Sir I heard through the
Editor of C. & D. Nat W^o
H S Wellcome ^{was} away. I
want to write him on a
private matter relating
to Pharmaceutical Analyses.
and should be very obliged if
you will let me know if
he has returned. if so
perhaps you would send
me his private address.

Yours faithfully
David Davison

Mr Wellcome's paper.

21st May, 1909.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 20th duly to hand. Please accept my cordial thanks for so kindly giving me the first offer of your collection of mortars. I am sorry that I do not see my way to increasing the amount stated in my last letter, or I would have been pleased to do so.

I am returning you the photographs, M.S.S. matter and other articles which you were good enough to send for my inspection.

I am,

Yours very truly,

To

Daniel Davison, Esq.,

The Pier Pharmacy,

Grosvenor.

Recd.

21 MAY 1909

TELEPHONE NO. 049.

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

AND AT FAKENHAM.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

May 20 1909

Dear Sir, I thank you for your letter and its offer. I regret that I cannot accept it. I did not of course acquire my collection as a dealer. but I have had such limited means that my enthusiasm has been wonderfully well tempered with commercial instinct. I may say that whenever by chance I had a duplicate mortar in my possession. I have always been able to dispose of it at a considerably advanced price on my purchase. I can honestly tell you that I should not have

been willing to accept £200 but for the sentiment of keeping the collection of 20 many years intact. I should be very obliged if you would return me the photographs and details sent you.

I am Sir

Yours faithfully

Daniel Davison

Harry S. Willcome }

Mr Wellcome's paper.

19th May, 1909.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your reply of the 11th inst. with respect to your collection of mortars, I hardly know what to say, as I do not wish to barter about the price. I may state, however, that I have a high regard for the opinion of the member of my staff who saw your collection on my behalf, as he has an exceptional knowledge and experience in dealing with such objects, and I am satisfied his estimate is a fair one.

I quite realise that a collector often pays considerably more than the actual market value for the objects he desires to acquire. In disposing of your mortars singly it is probable, as you say, that you might realise a little more, but you must take into consideration the expense and time that would be occupied in selling them in this way.

If, on further consideration, you should think it worth while to accept one hundred and fifty pounds cash for the eighty mortars, I should be quite willing to hand you over one of their number as a souvenir, but the selection should be left for my approval.

I thank you for your kind offer to loan me your drug jars for the Historical Medical Exhibition, of which I shall hope to avail myself when the exhibition takes place.

I am,

Yours very truly,

To

D. Davison, Esq.,
The Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer.

HENRY S. WELLCOME
per C.T.



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TELEPHONE No. 049.

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

AND AT FAKENHAM.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

May 12 1909

Dear Sir. I beg to acknowledge your
letter of 11th. I fear there is too great
a difference in the value I put on
my mortars, and that placed on them
by your representative, to permit
of coming to terms. I have bought
the mortars with a good deal of
discrimination, and generally at
first hand. The cost to me has been
much more than £120. so I
could not accept anything like
that sum. I may say that I
have been a collector for 16 years.
I have specialized in this subject
and in consequence of some little
public attention ^{having} been drawn to my

Collection. I have compared notes *
with most people who possess mortars
or who are interested in the subject-
and the value I put on my collection
is not biased by sentiment. but-
based on market value. I don't
wish to suggest anything disrespectfully
of your representative's knowledge
in saying this. I feel quite sure
that I could get nearly all if not
^{cost} quite £250 by advertisement
& ^{sell} the mortars singly. as there
are far more people who like to
have just one or two antique
Mortars. than ^{there are} ~~there are~~ who would
care to purchase a collection
of 80. but it would dispose
the collection, and it would
also be very distasteful
to me to advertise. I will

Therefore accept £200 for
79. "Keep one mortar as a
Souvenir. This shall not be
the most valuable." In view
of the value at which your representative
assessed the mortars this sum
may not appear sufficient
reduction from my original
offer. but I cannot accept less.
I want money. or I should not
sell at all. I don't suggest it
X in a haggling spirit. but £20
of the £200 could be in good
of Burnoughs Wellcome & Co.

Whatever may be your decision
Thank you for your courteous
consideration. I beg to say
that anything I may have

of interest to your ^{Exhibition} Collection.
I should be pleased to loan
you. I have a few pottery
Drugs jars &c.

I am Sir

Yours faithfully

Daniel Dawson

~~not for matter of business~~
— 150 Cash for 79 but I should
indicate which he should
retain as souvenir

Mr Wellcome's paper.

11th May, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I regret that I find it impossible to personally view your collection of mortars. The member of my staff who called upon you to inspect them on my behalf, has had considerable experience and knowledge of the subject and of their values. He reports to me that his estimate of your collection, at a fair value, is about one hundred and twenty pounds.

If you feel disposed, therefore, to re-consider your valuation and make me a fresh offer, and so bring it more within practical range, I shall be pleased to give the matter further consideration.

I may say I have already a large number of mortars of almost every period, and many of these are duplicates of those in your collection.

It is necessary to bear this point in mind in considering an offer.

I am,

To

Yours very truly,

(signed) HENRY S. WELLCOME

C.J.S.T.

D. Davison, Esq.,
The Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer.

Draft of letter to Mr Davidson, Cromer.

10th May, 1908.

Dear Sir,

I find it impossible to personally visit
I regret that, owing to pressure of business, I have been
unable to come and see your collection of mortars. The member of my

staff who called upon you to inspect them on my behalf, has had

and knowledge of the subject and of values.
considerable experience in these objects, and, from his report, I

He reports to me that his estimate of the fair value
of your collection to be about £120.

I may say I have already a large number of mortars of almost
every period, and many of these are duplicates of those in your

collection. *- It is necessary to bear*
I am, therefore, obliged to take this point into my mind.

in
considering your offer

Therefore
If you feel disposed to re-consider your valuation, and so *make me*
feel

bring it more within practical range, I shall be pleased to give the
matter further consideration.

Duplicate.

17th April 1909

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 14th inst. Mr Wellcome is at present out of town but I will bring your letter before him immediately on his return.

Meanwhile I am desired to state that the gentleman who Mr Wellcome mentioned in his last letter to you expects to be in your district in a few days, and hopes to call and see you on the matter and inspect the mortars, on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning next.

Yours faithfully,

B.H. Perrotton,

Secretary.

D. Davison Esq.,
Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer.



Reed
15 APR 1909
TELEPHONE NO. 049.

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

AND AT FAKENHAM.

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer,

April 14 1909

Dear Sir
Forgive me writing
you again respecting purchase
of my mortars. As I wrote
you first of all I am selling
them because I want the
money. Although I should
be most sorry to worry you
unfortunately. I should be
very grateful if you would
let me know as soon as
possible if you wish to
purchase. I may say that
I have to day very carefully

tabulated the mortars as repair *
 values. estimating each mortar
 separately. and without reference
 to total amount - until the
 valuation was complete
 my estimate works out as follows.

1	mortar value	£ 15-*
5-	mortars "	£ 10 each
4	" "	£ 8
7	" "	£ 5-
8	—	£ 4
17	—	£ 3
20	—	£ 2
8	—	£ 1
10	—	10/-

80 mortars total value £ 268.

This total value is based on
 my idea of each mortar individual
 value. and allows nothing

for the additional value from
a collection pound of beer.
as the collection has been
submitted at St Louis.
and also illustrated in
the Comorosene & other
papers. it has an
additional value.

I do not send these details
from any bargaining desire.
but as I endeavoured quite
honestly to assess each mortal.
the figures I give will
perhaps be interesting as
justifying my price of £25-0.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Davison

I ~~shall~~^{beg} acknowledge your letter
of the 14th inst. Mr. Williams is at
present out of town but I shall
bring your letter before him
~~very soon~~^{as} his return state
I am sure will be to ~~the~~^{the} ~~benefit~~^{benefit} of the
memorable men who were the
staff whom ~~he~~^{Mr. Williams}
mentioned in his last letter
to you expressing to be in
your ~~vicinity~~^{vicinity} ~~at a~~^{at a}
~~few days~~^{few days} I hope to call &
~~the morning~~^{the morning} on Thursday
at ~~you~~^{you} ~~on~~^{on} ~~the~~^{the} ~~morning~~^{morning}
afternoon or Sunday morning
next.

TELEPHONE No. 049

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

AND AT FAKENHAM.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

Mar 27 1909

Dear Sir I send you with this
a classification of my mortars
as regards Diameter. Height
& Weight - these details
are generally given in the
illustrated articles I sent you.
I may say that it was through
W Thomas Lyster that my mortars
were sent to St Louis. he
knows the collection that was
sent. but I have perhaps added
a better lot of mortars both
in numbers and beauty & value
I value much them. as my

article in the Connoisseur brought
me into communication with
very many collectors & dealers.
it is now quite rare to hear of a
fine English Mortar.

If there is any further detail you
wish for I shall be pleased
to send it on.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Dawson

TELEPHONE NO. 049.

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

AND AT FAKENHAM.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

190

Diameter across top.

3 mortars not exceeding	$3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
13 " exceeding $3\frac{1}{2}$ not exceeding	4 inches
19 " " 4 " "	5 "
18 " " 5 " "	$5\frac{1}{2}$ "
11 " " $5\frac{1}{2}$ " "	6 "
5 " " 6 " "	7 "
4 " " 7 " "	8 "
2 " 12 inches in diameter	
1 " 13 " "	
1 " 14 " "	

Total 80 mortars

Height.

2	mortars	not exceeding	3 inches	high
13	"	exceeding 3	but not exceeding	$3\frac{1}{2}$ "
19	"	"	$3\frac{1}{2}$	— — 4 "
15	"	"	4	— — $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
14	"	"	$4\frac{1}{2}$	" 5 "
2	"	"	5	— — $5\frac{1}{2}$ "
8	"	"	$5\frac{1}{2}$	— — 6 "
1	"	"	6	— — 7 "
2	"	"	7	— — 8 "
2	"	"	8	— — 10 "
2	—	"	10	— — 11 "

Total 80 mortars

P 70

Weight:

6 Mortars not exceeding	2 lbs
25 " " "	4 lbs
18 " exceeding 4 lbs not exceeding	6 "
13 " " 6 " "	8 "
7 " " 8 " "	12 "
3 " " 12 " "	16 "
2 " " 16 " "	20 "
2 " " 20 " "	30 "
1 mortar weighing	70 lbs
1 " " "	80 "
1 " " "	84 "
1 " " "	110 "
	<u>442 lbs</u>

11/10/16

@ 10/- lb 20 4 4 20
2 2 2 1 10

Total 80 mortars

Blue S.H.B.

1st November 1910.

Dear Sir,

It is sometime since I heard from you respecting the sending off of the collection of mortars which you agreed to sell to me in April last, and I trust that sickness has not prevented you packing and forwarding the same to me.

As I am going abroad withingten days, I shall be glad toknow definitely when you will send the mortars off, so that I may settle the matter before I leave London.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

I am,

Yours very truly,

H.B.W.

D. Davison Esq.,

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer.

3rd October 1910.

Mr. Clarke.

Referring to my conversation with you the other day respecting the representative in Cromer, please tell Mr. Hill, when he calls upon Mr. Davidson, a chemist in Cromer, to note if he still has his collection of mortars, and also to let us know if Mr. Davidson is still in Cromer or if he is away. He used to have several of the mortars about his shop, and the majority of them in the room at the back. Mr Hill need not mention anything about our enquiries respecting the collection, but just let us know if he saw the collection there, and if Mr. Davidson is at home.

*Reps. of Mr. Hill
at Cromer*
1910 AON

C.H.T.

RECEIVED
1 NOV 1910

31.10.1910
W. Masters of Ladin
of sea made his last
visit there during his
collection and man to
it. I switched him to
Stating that as a lot of
wishes to see about a dozen
Mr. Masters has which he
noticed he however is
entirely new habitat
water in antiques. was
bottle in water. was
he mention Mr. Masters
made during his interview with
Mr. Masters at various times
his collection and that they
and satisfied in last
were that on the last

W. Masters



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In reply please refer to

C.

LONDON, E.C.

11th October, 1910

Rawls

Mr. J. Macvie Hill,

re Mr. Davidson, Chemist, Cromer.

When you call on the above, which you will have an opportunity of doing before the close of this month, will you please look around his shop to see if he still has his collection of mortars. He used to have several ancient mortars about his place, but the majority of them were in the room at the back.

We do not wish you to ask Mr. Davidson any questions in regard to these mortars but merely to let us know if you saw the collection about and also if Mr. Davidson is at home.

Blue S.H.B.

26th July 1910.

Dear Sir,

It is sometime since I heard from you with reference to your collection of mortars for which according to your letter I understood you had accepted the offer I had made and were packing and forwarding to me.

Hearing that they may have miscarried, I should be glad to know if you can send them off while I am at present in Town, as I can now deal with the matter at once.

Faithfully yours,

H. S. B.

d
Mr. Davison, Chemist,

CROMER.

*Have clock
put in order*

*by man at
works.*

*representative to call
see*

Mr. Ben advised

then put in account book with entry at Schaller's

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16 JUN 1910

TELEPHONE No. 49.

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer,

June 14 1910

Dear Sir, I regret that absence
from home has prevented me
from acknowledging your letter.
Please accept my apologies.
Thank you for copy of letter
which went astray. I am
writing Mr Wellcome.
in a day or two.

Yours faithfully
David Davison

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9th June 1910.

Dear Sir,

Again referring to your letter
of the 30th ult., Mr Wellcome has now
returned and will be pleased to hear
from you when you will be able to
forward the mortars.

Yours faithfully,

Secty.

D. Davison Esq.,
Woodford House,
Cromer.

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1st June 1910.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 30th ult.
I enclose herewith a copy of the letter
I forwarded to you on the 29th April.

Mr Wellcome is not yet returned,
but any letter you may wish to write to
him I will forward at once.

Meanwhile I shall be glad
to know when the mortars will be sent off.

Yours faithfully,

Secty.

D. Davison Esq.,
Woodford House,
Cromer.

TELEPHONE NO. 49.
—
D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

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Nov 22 1910

Dear Sir / As I have not heard
from you since your letter
of 14th in which you say you
expect to send me a cheque
on the following day. I think
it best to write and enquire
if by any chance you have
written and the letter was
mis-carried.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Davison

H. Swillcome Esq
Snow Hill Buildings E.C.

Blue S.H.B.

21st November 1910.

Dear Sir,

I have now had an opportunity of examining the collection of mortars, some of which are very interesting specimens.

With respect to the mortar which you wish to have as a souvenir, the two you mention I should regard as the most valuable specimens in the entire collection, and I think it would be hardly fair to ask me to return either of those, as they were taken into consideration in making the original valuation. There is a large percentage of unimportant mortars of little value, which much reduces the value of the collection, unless the few valuable ones are taken into account.

I should not like to feel you were dissatisfied in any way, and so have selected a valuable mortar, which is dated earlier than the one you mentioned, which I am returning as a souvenir of your collection. I am willing even to exchange this for another if you wish, excluding the two which you mention the one with the pillars and the one of which you sent a photograph. I trust this will be agreeable to you.

I am enclosing a cheque for the value of One hundred and fifty pounds, as agreed, for which please send a formal receipt.

I am,

Yours very truly,

D. Davison Esq.,
Pier Pharmacy,
C R O M E R.

H.S.W.

S.H.H.

14th November 1910.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the barrels containing the mortars, which have just arrived. I hope to have them unpacked, and to be able to examine them to-morrow, and will write you and forward you a cheque at the same time.

I am,

Yours very truly,

H.S.W.

D. Davidson Esq.,

Pier Pharmacy,

G R O M E R.

Blue S.H.B.

7th November 1910.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of 5th inst., and trust that by this time you have received the barrels and packing that have been forwarded to you.

With respect to the matter of the mortar which I agreed you should retain as a souvenir, I am in this position, that I have never seen the collection personally and should much like to see the whole of it before I go away. I am sure you will agree with me that this is only natural; therefore, if you will kindly send me the entire eighty mortars, I see no reason why you should not have the mortar you describe returned to you. I am sure in fairness to me you will agree to this proposition, and I shall do my best to meet you in the matter. As I am compelled to leave London shortly, I should be glad if you would accelerate the despatch of the mortars and advise me directly they are sent off.

I shall have much pleasure in showing you at some future period the medical and pharmaceutical antiquities that are being gathered together for the Historical Medical Exhibition, which will be held in 1913.

If you have a copy to spare of the article in the Connoisseur you mention, I should be glad to have it. If not, if you will send me the date when it appeared in that magazine I will endeavour to procure a copy.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours very truly,

H.S.W.

D. Davidson Esq.,

Chomex.

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7 NOV 1910

WOODFORD HOUSE,
CROMER.

Nov 5. 1910

Dear Sir

Thank you for
your letter and for sending
the packing materials.
These I shall receive early
next week I expect.

I had rather overlooked the
condition you spoke of

in your letter of May 19
1909 ^{or I should have alluded to it} I don't think I

ever agreed to this as I
have always had in my
mind the intention of

keeping the Mortar with
Inscription Phillip Palmer.
This I propose to do.
I hope I may be permitted
to see your Medical Antiques
at some future time It
would be perhaps interesting
to keep a record of the
fact that my mortars were
the subject of an article
in the Connoisseur. and
were exhibited at the
St Louis Exhibition.

Yours faithfully

Daniel Davenport

SHB.



4th November 1910.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of 1st inst., and regret to hear that you have been so ill. I trust you are now enjoying better health and have quite recovered.

I am sending you to-morrow three large barrels and a quantity of wood wool packing, which I think, as you suggest, would be the best way of sending the mortars. If this is not sufficient, kindly let me know and I will send more. I trust you will be able to pack the mortars at your early convenience and send them on to me.

I can quite sympathise with your feelings under the circumstances. It may be some consolation that your collection will not be broken up and scattered abroad.

Quote "Directly on receipt of the eighty mortars, I will at once forward you a cheque for the amount, and, as I agreed, in my letter of May 19th 1909, shall be very pleased to return you one of their number as a souvenir, the selection being left to me."

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in the matter, and trusting to hear from you that the mortars have been sent off, as I am going abroad shortly.

I am,

Yours very truly,

H.S.W.

D. Davidson Esq.,
Pier Pharmacy,
CROMER.

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3 NOV 1910

TELEPHONE No. 49.

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

Nov 2 1910

Dear Sir I beg you to accept
my very sincere apologies for
my silence. I really was
illness which caused the first
delay in writing you and then
the only excuse I can give is
that I was possessed by a similar
feeling to that experienced
in delaying to go to a dentist.
I have an extreme reluctance to
start with something which
one has become much attached
as a collector yourself you
will understand the feeling. and I

trust will forgive me.

I will send you the 79



Mortars in the course of
the next week or two: if

you can send me 2 or 3

Cases. with wood wool
packing. I shall be very grateful

I have no cases
available which would
be strong enough to take

the extremely heavy weight.
I should think export barrells
would be the best. when the
mortars were sent to U.S.A

Mr. Tyer sent me 2 barrels
for packing. & the mortars
went quite safely. Please

let me know if you can

send me the cases if not
I must try & procure the
best I can.

Yours faithfully

Daniel Davison



24th November 1910.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst. addressed to Mr Henry S. Wellcome.

Mr Wellcome has now left London and is travelling abroad in out of the way places. He will not return to England for some months, but directly on his return I will put your letter before him and write you again on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

W. M. Bellis
Secty.

D. Davison Esq.,
Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer.

TELEPHONE NO. 49.

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

Nov 23 1910

Dear Sir I beg to acknowledge
your letter enclosing cheque
£150. for which I thank
you. I have stamped the
cheque which you will I
presume consider formal receipt.
May I with every courtesy
ask your reconsideration
of the matter of returning me
the Phillip Palmer mortar.
I am sorry it happens to be
valuable. as the sentimental
rather than the intrinsic

value appeals to me. I am
quite sure that the mortars
without this are honestly
worth more than £150 as a
collection. I find that to
buy mortars now is at a price
25% more than 2 years ago
even the plain brass ones are
now worth buying. I have
refused dozens of these ^{at market value} but
recently sold some priced quite
high. I won't however labour
the matter. if you do not
consider my request fair
I cannot press it. but
I should be very grateful
for your compliance

with my request if possible,
the more so that my
friends & my family have
always understood that
I intended to keep this mortar.

I am Sir

Yours faithfully
David Davison



Henry S. Wellcome Esq

Snow Hill Buildings

London E.C.

TELEPHONE NO. 49.
D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

Nov 11 1910

Dear Sir, I have had to be away
from home two days this week
but I have today sent you per
G.F.R. the 80 mortars
I trust they will reach
you safely and before you
leave England. I enclose
photograph of the mortar
I wish to be returned. This is
sent you as you requested.
I would rather have the one
with rings & pillar column,
which is illustrated in Connors

& described as coming from
Barnwell Priory. but
you would I expect prefer
to keep that. I have not
a spare copy of Trumorsen
containing my article. but
will lend you my copy if
you desire. The date is
August 1906. any more
details of particulars
I can send you I shall
be pleased to do. I
have a good deal of matter
through correspondence.
if it are true you should
have a descriptive book

I wish for my data on mortars
the same will be at
your disposal

Yours faithfully
Daniel Davenport

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26 NOV 1910

TELEPHONE No. 49.

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer,

Nov 25 1910

Dear Sir I beg to acknowledge
your letter of 24th and shall
be much obliged if you
will put my letter before
Mr Wellcome as early as
possible. When I wrote
him on 23rd I had not received
the mortar returned me by
him. I have to day sent
this back per G.R. Carr Ltd.
I will await his reply and
in any case the mortar returned
would not be one I should

Care for. It is a very early
one. and I admit its value.
but I have no sentiment about
this specimen. Mr Wellcome
tells I am sure not think
I am unfracious about this.
as a collector he will
understand that certain pieces
appeal more than others.
doubtless you are acquainted
with Mr Wellcome's letter
of 7th 22 Nov so the fact that
I am returning the monies
will not cause you surprise
or misunderstanding.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Davies



Henry S. Wellcome Esq
Snow Hill Buildings
London E.C.

Blue S.H.B.

3rd July. 1911.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of June 29th, I would remind you that I had no opportunity of personally seeing the mortars at the time of the early correspondence, and it was not contemplated at the time of the negotiation that I should hand over to you one of the more valuable mortars.

The terms of my offer were as follows:- "Directly on receipt of the eighty mortars, I will at once forward you a cheque for the amount, and, as I agreed in my letter of May 10th 1909, shall be very pleased to return you one of their number as a souvenir, the selection being left to me."

As a matter of fact, the mortar you suggest is one of the most valuable of the whole lot, and its removal would considerably depreciate the value of the collection.

Therefore I am sorry I cannot accede to your request.

Yours faithfully,

H.S.W.

D. Davison Esq.,
Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of June
29th I would remind you that
I had no opportunity of ^{personally} seeing
the masters at the time of the
early correspondence ~~and~~ and
it was not contemplated at the
time of the negotiation that
I should hand over to you one
of the more valuable masters -
~~namely~~ the terms of my offer were
as follows "

As a matter of fact the master
you suggest ~~should~~ is one
of the most valuable in the
~~collection~~ whale lot and its removal
would considerably depreciate the

value of the collection.

Therefore I am sorry
I cannot accede to your
request.

yours faithfully

Mr. C.J.S. Thompson to consider
and advise Mr. Wellcome.

30th June 1911

TELEPHONE No. 49.

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer,

June 29 1911

Dear Sir In reply to Mr. Ellis' letter received this morning, permit me to say that from the first I reserved the matter in question. sending it as you will remember at your special request you write to say that you saw no reason why it should not be returned to me. I do appreciate the fact that it is an interesting matter & valuable, but I assure you that it is not

in order to obtain value that I
wish to have the mortar.
but by reason of sentiment,
I venture to make one more
request appealing both
to your generosity and
fellow feeling as a collector.
I wish to say however that
if you do not consider the
collection is worth what
you paid for it, without
your retaining this particular
mortar. I should not wish
it to be returned. much as
I desire it.

Yours faithfully,
Daniel Davenport

TELEPHONE NO. 49.
—
D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

Aug 4. 1911

Dear Sir / It is quite fair to
say that the selection was
left to you as your letter of
Nov 4. 1910 plainly states.
But I did think that consideration
would be given to my wishes
and I felt confident that you
would return me the mortar I
desired. The more so, as in
yours of Nov 7/10 you stated
that you saw no reason why
I should not have the
Mortar I described.
It did not occur to me

that you would object on the
score of value as it would
be unlikely that after spending
half a life time getting together
a collection I should only
wish for an indifferent
specimen. I am naturally
disappointed but I accept
your decision. If it
meets with your approval
I should like to have
the mortar covered over
with enclosed photographs

Yours faithfully
Daniel Dawson

Henry S. Wellcome Esq

28th June 1911.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 24th inst., Mr. Hellicose has now returned to London, and I have brought your letters before him. Owing to pressure of work at the present time, he desires me to state with reference to the mortars, that he will still be quite willing, as originally arranged, to present you with a good mortar from the collection, but he would not care to part with the early English one which you mention.

He feels sure if you will give the matter a little further consideration, you will see it is hardly fair to him to ask to have what is the most interesting mortar in the collection returned to you under the circumstances.

If you will name another mortar for which you should have preference, I will bring the matter before him without delay, and if agreeable, it shall be sent on to you at once.

Faithfully yours,

Danson

Wm. C.

TELEPHONE NO. 49.
—
D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer,

June 24 1911

Dear Sir As Mr Wellcome has
returned I shall be glad
to have his reply to my
previous correspondence &
return of my Phillip Palmer
Mortar. please pardon
my importunity

Yours faithfully
David Davison

TELEPHONE No. 49.

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

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5 MAY 1911
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Dear Sir

Forgive me for
having troubled you again
to reply in Mr Wellcome's
absence. I will leave
the matter in your hands
and possess my soul
in patience.
With apologies

Yours faithfully
Daniel Davison

Blue S.H.B.

3rd May 1911.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 2nd inst., addressed to Mr. Henry S. Wellcome duly to hand. Mr. Wellcome is still travelling abroad, and has not yet returned to England.

Immediately on his return I will bring your letter before him, and communicate with you again.

Faithfully yours,

W.M.E.

Secretary.

D. Davison Esq.,

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer.

TELEPHONE No. 49.
—
D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Pier Pharmacy,
Cromer,

May 2 1911

Dear Sir / As it is now nearly
two months since I sent you
the collection of Mortars.
May I venture again to
ask that you will return
me the Phillip Palmer
specimen. as this was
sent you at your request
with the understanding
(on my part) that it would
be returned. Whilst
recognising that it is a
valuable mortar. it is

not the intrinsic value which
appeals most to me. I never
intended to dispose of this
mortar and I very respectfully
ask for your courtesy
and consideration of this
request.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Davenport



J. S. Wellesley Esq.
Snow Hill Buildings
London E.C.

Duplicate.

16th February 1911.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. and in reply have to advise that Mr Wellcome is still abroad. I will bring the matter before him on his return.

Yours faithfully,

W. M. Ellis
Secty.

D. Davison Esq.,
Pier Pharmacy,
Gromer.

TELEPHONE NO. 49.

D. DAVISON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

RECEIVED
16 FEB 1911

Pier Pharmacy,

Cromer,

Feb 13. 1911

Dear Sir May I enquire
if Mr Wellcome has
yet returned. if he has
I shall be very glad to
receive his reply to
my request that he should
let me have the mortar
which I particularly
desired to keep.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Deere

Blue S.H.B.

1st December 1910.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of yesterday's date. The mortar in question I find has been duly received,,and the matter will be brought before Mr. Wellesome on his return.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

W.M.E.

Secretary.

D. Davison Esq.,

Pier Pharmacy,

C R O M E R.

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WOODFORD HOUSE,
CROMER.

Nov 30. 1910

Dear Sir

May I ask if
you have received the
Mortar returned you
on Friday last. Your
reply will be esteemed

Yours truly

Daniel Dawson

P.S. I addressed it to Mr Wellcome