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part the less of better to have I said since I have had
expenses as above mentioned and I do not want any
extortion like that said below I

Dear Dr. James: I am sorry to say the date before
July 9, 1945 and do not know what to do with expenses
Principal F. Cyril James McGill University
Montreal. I have been engaged by the Building Committee
Dear Doctor James: I received your note of the 4th of July and also a copy of
the minutes of the Building Committee of June 28th.

In regard to those minutes I am not quite clear what information
they had received. They have, however, officially deleted an item
of \$288.00 for soiled linen closets and so forth of which I had never
approved. Their statement Number 2, in regard to cupboards, is not
clear.

I have to-day discussed the whole situation in regard to
unfinished items with Mr. Fetherstonehaugh. May I make certain
observations, taking them up in order according to Mr. Fetherstonehaugh's
letter of June 25th to Mr. Johnson. On page 2 he lists six items
at the bottom of the page, to which I will refer as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

1. This item can be eliminated for the present. We will put
in the cylinders, using the pipelines which have been
nearly completed and which will be completed, I understand,

before the work is finished. At a later time then, the
cylinders can be closed in with a small partition, if it
seems best.

2. The closets in Rooms 549 and 552 are essential and should
be proceeded with without delay.

3. Omit this item.

4. Omit this work.

5. Clothes press in Room 529 must be proceeded with at once.

6. This is already underway and should be continued.

On page 3 four items are listed at the top to which I shall
refer as 1, 2, 3, 4.

1. Marboleum dado. This should be continued with. It will
cut down repairs to the walls.

2. Replacement of scrub sink by Monel metal sink. This must

5. Equipment to take place of some which was left in the building
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and some which is still there.

6. Washroom which should be continued with. It is to be
be continued with.

The ones that have been put in are ludicrous.

7. Soiled linen closet. This was not requested and should
not be taken up at the present time. It is to be continued with.

4. Shelving for Dr. Child's film storage room. This was part
of the original undertaking. There cannot be any question about this.
It must be continued with. This, like many of the other items, are
not new requests at all, but were simply set down by Mr. Fetherstone-
haugh because of the fact that they were not yet finished.

I should like to list one or two other unfinished items:

8. The expense to have the glass partition in operating room, \$700.00.
1. Extension of glass partition in operating room, \$700.00.
This can be omitted.

2. Separate compressed air machine, \$1500.00. This item
has been queried by the engineers. They feel that it may not perhaps
be essential now. We will be glad to discuss this with them and will
certainly recommend omitting it if it is not essential.

3. Germicidal lamp for the new operating room, \$300.00. This
figure is an approximate one. It is now included in the cost by the
engineers. This item can be transferred to the Margaret Gordon Research
Fund.

4. Precipitron for new operating room, \$1700.00. I believe
it has been ordered, but is not as yet obtained. It is desirable,
but not essential and the set-up is so arranged that it can be added
later. If it seems best to decrease the cost by this amount, this
could still be omitted provided we take action before too long, I am
informed.

In regard to the Building Committee's concern that so much
expenditure from the British War Relief Fund has been carried out before
total expenditure on the alterations has been determined, I would
point out that the Maple Leaf Fund was not really given to us for
building purposes and that some primary expenditure on the extra
things which we could not have had otherwise seemed to be in order.
I had thought that it was my duty to see that some of these funds
were spent for the purposes which we had described to the Committee
and for which they sent the money. I have personally signed every
requisition and I am aware of the other expenses that Dr. Robb has
listed which are yet to come on the fund.

I would hope that the Building Committee will authorize
continuation of the items which I have mentioned above as essential,
that they will accept the ones that I have offered to cancel and that

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they will either take up the question of the two undecided items, namely \$1500.00 for the compressed air machine and \$1700.00 for the Precipitron themselves, or allow me to make the decision.

Yours very sincerely,

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