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Principal F. Cyril James
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Dear Doctor James: My first reply was not really given to me for
cancellation of the items which I have mentioned above is essential. I would

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.

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be continued with. The ones that have been put in are ludicrous.

3. Soiled linen closet. This was not requested and should not be taken up at the present time.

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. Featherstonehaugh because of the fact that they were not yet finished.

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

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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