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The Principal,
McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Dear General Currie:-

Your distinguished predecessor in office, H.E. Sir A. Geddes, now Ambassador at Washington, caused the enclosure to be sent to me last summer, when I was in the country. I was very grateful in the reading of this expression of interest. May I ask you kindly to cause the letter from the Ambassador to be returned to my office.

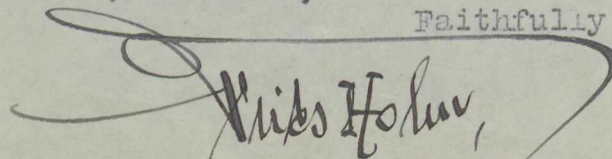
As to the Cast of the Chinese Nestorian Monument (one of the four first Monument in history as to archaeological rank, and represented in this country now only at Yale, and not at all in Canada) which I am presenting to the Government of India, this is now being shipped from Rome to Calcutta, and I am glad to say that, besides Sir Auckland, Lord Curzon, Mr. Montagu, Lord Kintore, the British Ambassador at Rome, and Lord Cheshamford have all evinced a personal interest in this gift to India from me.

Almost at the same time, I am now preparing to present the Government of France with a similar Cast, which is to be set up in the famous Musée Guimet at Paris.

Under date of October 5th, it was my pleasure and privilege to offer to McGill University, as a gift from me, a Cast of the Chinese Nestorian Monument, and this offer still holds good, and my gift might perhaps be considered in the light of a CENTENARY GIFT to your great University. However, due to the Bolchevist prices charged for work done in Italy (and the casts are all being made at the Lateran Palace in Rome by permission of the Pope), I have requested that your University participate with me in the expenses of casting and packing the ten-foot Monument to the extent of \$ 400.--, while the shipping-expenses from Rome to Montreal must be borne by the University.

I should think that, perhaps, the Cast might be made to arrive in time for your Centenary Commencement, that it could then be set up and unveiled, and that I might come to Montreal in order to deliver my illustrated lecture on the Monument and my Chinese expedition on that auspicious occasion. Trusting that you may see your way to accept my gift, I remain,

Faithfully yours,



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