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IN REPLY, REFER TO

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Re McCord Museum

Last year you will perhaps remember an offer to sell the Museum two epistles which had belonged to General Wolfe and were given or bequeathed by him to his close friend, Major Samuel Holland, R.E., who was by his side at the time of his death and was a great favorite with him. The epistles were offered by a lady connected with the Holland family and possessing documentary evidence, so that they are of major importance within sphere of the Museum, and would greatly strengthen the splendid Wolfe collection there.

The sum then asked was \$5000, which was beyond our means. A short time ago the same lady offered them to Mrs. J. B. Learmont for Wolfe House, but she declined them. I then asked her to put me into communication with the lady, in the hope that a much lower price might be arrived at, which we might somehow have a hope of bringing together, and the sum I had in view was One Thousand to Fifteen Hundred Dollars. My hope was that the Holland lady, who was desirous they should come to Canada, might accept that sum, although I know the large prices that are paid by American collectors for things of that importance.

At the time you are said to have been anxious to procure these epistles, if within reason; may I now ask your views on the subject so as to fortify me for the pending negotiation. I think I could secure several hundred dollars myself towards the price.

Faithfully yours,

W. D. Lighthall  
R. E. M.