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Gen. Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:- Re McCord Museum.

I find, on my return from England, that arrangements have been made for the governance of the Museum of which I cannot, as representative of Dr. McCord and otherwise, entirely approve.

I am sure that you, personally, have acted quite innocently in the composition of the new committee and sub-committee, but as I have always held such a responsible position in connection with the matter from its inception, I was entitled to be the first consulted in the changes, the suggestions for which were first made to you behind my back, and the present arrangement is one formed by carrying out those unfriendly suggestions, the origin of which is naturally well known to me.

You are the person now named as Chairman, and I have no personal objection to yourself whatever, but it is quite evident that the intention was to remove me, personally, from control, or at least such mild control as I was exercising in pursuance of my duties. Dr. McCord not only intended that his Museum should be donated to the University, but that it should be carried on, during at least his lifetime, on certain principles which he had me enunciate for him at the inauguration, and it was at his urgent request that I undertook the Chairmanship of the Committee. A little later Mr. Francis McLennan was, by some accident, substituted for me as Chairman, but he immediately recognized the situation by voluntarily having me appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee, and in that capacity I was able to do something towards carrying out Dr. McCord's desires and the powers which he had reserved to himself in his deed of donation.

Unfortunately, on the resignation of Mr. McLennan, Prof. Nobbs, who knows nothing about the subject,