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My dear Sir Arthur:

Sir E. Denison Ross arrived Thursday to begin his American lecture tour under the auspices of the American Institute for Persian Art and Archaeology. He showed me a letter from you dated May 7th last, in which you expressed a desire that he might speak at McGill University. Sir Denison tells me that he wishes very much to do so. We have gone over his schedule and find that it will be possible for him to come to Montreal on November 20th. He will be speaking at the University of Vermont, Burlington, the day before, and at Washington, D. C. the day following. This date, then will fit in very nicely, and is, in fact, the only open date which we have for him from November 1st through December 18th.

what is this

Sir Denison is to give the Kahn Lectures at Princeton, the Cooke-Daniels Lectures at Denver, and we are completing arrangements to have him give the Harris Lectures at Northwestern. The subject matter for these foundation lectures is "The Literary Backgrounds of Islamic Art in Persia." For his other lectures, Sir Denison will speak on "Persian Art as Exemplified in the Recent International Exhibition at Burlington House, London", "Persian Poetry in relation to Persian Miniature Painting", and "Travel and Adventure in the East." Sir Denison has also brought a lecture on "Early Oriental Travelers" which I cannot recommend too highly, after having gone over the material and slides with him last evening. I feel that this would be most appropriate for a university audience, and it would have a good reception by the general public as well.

We are handling the bookings on a professional basis, without charge either to Sir Denison or the institutions where he is to speak. The response has been warm, and, considering the lateness of the date when we began to work on this, the results of our canvass can be interpreted only as a tribute to Sir Denison's standing as a scholar. Sir Denison is receiving up to \$200 a lecture. The honorarium is open. We expect institutions to offer Sir Denison the best that they can afford. He is very sporting and accepts these offers without question.

I hope that a kind fortune has made it possible for you to have Sir Denison come on this one day when we can let you have him. He is most sincere in his desire to be in Canada some time while he is on this continent.

With my respects to you, Sir, I am,

Robert Brown
What do you think of this

Faithfully yours,

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