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Dear Sir Arthur:--

Many thanks for your letter.

It seems to me that everything has been done that can be done in connection with the bust. The only point that disturbed me, the willingness of the University to receive it, has been settled; and I cannot see that Mr. Beatty can have any legitimate grievance on that point, although of course I regret that the whole affair has not been more happily solved. In looking over the plaster model from which the bronze was cast I do not see anything that I think should be changed. Any bust is of course a work of collaboration between the sculptor and the sitter and the more complete the collaboration the better the result is likely to be. For example if I were doing your bust and you would come up to my Mill near Almonte and give me sittings between periods of fishing and golfing I am quite sure a better result would be got than if the work were done in a close studio during the hottest weeks in July.

I was greatly shocked to hear of Professor Waugh's death. I had such pleasant relations with him while I was doing the statue to General Wolfe. His death is indeed a loss. In the McGill News which arrived yesterday I saw the picture of the dignified and beautiful Neurological building. It will add another to the noble group on the hillside.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and Lady Currie, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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