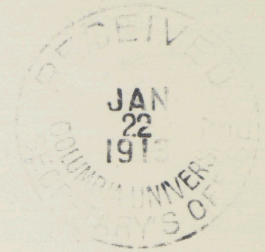


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A. BARTON HEPBURN
EIGHTY-THREE CEDAR STREET
NEW YORK

January 21, 1913.



To The Trustees of
Columbia University in the City of New York.

Gentlemen:

Deed from Frederick Arthur Goetze to The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York, covering the premises, No. 411 West 117th Street, this City, has been delivered to the Register of New York County for record, and will be turned over to your Treasurer, Mr. John McLean Nash as soon as the same is recorded.

I received such deed subject to a mortgage for \$16,000, covering said premises and running to the United States Trust Company, bearing interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. I have this day paid said mortgage and procured a proper discharge and satisfaction of the same, which satisfaction, together with the mortgage and other accompanying papers, I have this day delivered to Mr. John McLean Nash, your Treasurer, No. 63 Wall St., this City.

The above described premises were also conveyed subject to a mortgage for \$4,000, running to Adele C. Waters, bearing interest at the rate of 6% and maturing December 1st next. In consideration of your receiving the deed to said property, for the purposes mentioned in this letter, I hereby undertake and agree to pay and procure a proper satisfaction and discharge of said mortgage, and I not only obligate myself, but I hereby bind my heirs and executors to procure said satisfaction and discharge, thereby making the title good, and free and clear of all incumbrances. I will arrange with Mrs. Waters to pay the said mortgage, and when done I will procure a proper discharge of the same and deliver that, with accompanying papers, to your Treasurer, Mr. Nash.

It has been for some time my desire to set on foot some practical movement to foster French culture at your University, and in general for that purpose to bring about a co-operation between Columbia University and the Committee "France-Amerique," of which both your President and myself are members of the Board of Trustees. The Committee "France-Amerique" has an organization and a seat of activity in Paris as well as one in New York.

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"France-America" has for its object, as you know, the encouragement of French studies in America, and the American studies abroad, and generally the creation of new ties and the strengthening of the ties already existing between the two great Republics of the world.

While I did not wish to include any condition in the deed of the property itself, I wish through this letter to have you understand that the particular object I had in mind in making you this donation, is to encourage French culture at your University, and I request that, in accordance with this desire, suitable quarters be set aside in the premises in question to be used by the Committee "France-America", and that its Secretary and General Manager be allowed to make the house their official headquarters.

I also hope that it will be possible to provide comfortable quarters for French exchange professors and eminent Frenchmen; in a word, it is my desire to provide for France what has already been provided for Germany, in the Deutsches Haus.

I also enclose herewith check for \$2,000, as a contribution for the purpose of furnishing and equipping said premises.

Believe me, dear sirs,

Very truly yours,

Boston Gibson