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J. D. Iglehart, M. D.

211 West Landale St.

Baltimore, Md., April 10 1914

Received of Society of War of 1812
the sum of One hundred Dollars
as payment on the Amsted Monument
Edward Beys

J. D. Sglebart, M. D.

211 West Landale St.

Baltimore, Md., March 11 1914

Receipt of James D. Sglebart
two hundred dollar as payment
on the Ansted Monument from the
Society of the War of 1812

Edmond Burger

J. D. Iglehart, M. D.

211 West Landale St.

Baltimore, Md., March 11 1914

Received of James D Iglehart ^{of} \$500.00
Five hundred dollars as first payment
on the Ansted Monument for
the Society of the War of 1812
Edward Buyer

November 17th 1911

Mr. James E. Byrd,

#1724 Bolton St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of this Society held on the 14th inst., a motion was made and carried authorizing the President to appoint a committee to draft and present a bill before the next Legislature, asking for an appropriation for the erection of a monument at Fort McHenry to General Armstead.

I take pleasure in notifying you of your appointment as a member of this committee.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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Col. B. F. Tayler,
Station "D",
City.

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City.

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#7 E. Preston St.,
City.

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February 16th 1912

Dr. Jas. D. Iglehart,

#211 W. Lanvale St., City.

My dear Doctor:-

We missed you very much at our meeting last Tuesday, and regret that you were unable to attend.

Judge Elliott reported on the Armistead Monument saying that the Committee had drafted a bill, but after careful consideration recommended in its place a bill be drafted asking this Legislature for an appropriation for the 1914 Celebration. We will have to go before the Legislature anyway they said to get the money for this Celebration, but could not get two appropriations so thought it best to put the monument movement off until the next Legislature. The report was accepted and you were instructed to call a meeting of the 914 Celebration Committee and proceed at once to put this matter before the present Legislature, as the time is short. Should all this not be clear to you please call me up by phone.

Very truly yours,



JAMES H. PRESTON
MAYOR.

Mayor's Office,

BALTIMORE, MD.,

October
Twenty-seventh
Nineteen
Sixteen.

J. APPLETON WILSON, ESQ.,
Chairman, Society of the War of 1812,
800 Law Building, City.

My dear Sir:-

I have your letter of October 26th., and I will call the attention of the Park Board, which is the City Department having charge of Fort McHenry, to this matter.

I had taken up with the Park Board some weeks ago, the condition of the exedra to the Armistead Statue. I suggested that this central ^{broken} piece might be cut out, say a distance of eight or ten feet, and a cement staircase constructed leading up to the monument. Now, the approach to the monument is very difficult, indeed there is no form of approach. There is only an improvised way over the gun carriages and bastions.

I will be glad to have you suggest to the Park Board anything that you have in view looking to an adequate approach to this monument, that would be inexpensive and suitable.

Yours very truly,

James H. Preston
MAYOR.

JHP/JAN

Ans Nov 3, 1916

GENERAL OFFICE

PARK DEPARTMENT

DRUID HILL PARK

To..... DATE..... SHEET No.....

C o p y

March 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: ARMISTEAD MONUMENT FORT MCHENRY.

Hon. James H. Preston,
Mayor of Baltimore.

Dear Sir:-

Early in 1915 a crack developed in the semi-circular wall and seat erected in front of the Armistead Monument at Fort McHenry. (See herewith copies of letters addressed by the Genl.Supt. of Parks to Building Inspector Stubbs and Sculptor Edward J. Berge, together with copy of their replies.

It is recorded in the minutes of the Park Board that the work in connection with the Armistead Monument was gone ahead with in August 1914 without consultation with park officials, and that the erection of the monument, as well as the parapet wall and seat combination, was attended to without the Park Department having anything to do therewith.

The crack referred to has developed into a complete break, and approximately one-half of the concrete seat and wall has fallen away. I have learned upon investigation that the concrete work was designed by Mr. Beacher in the office of Mr. Jos. Evans Sperry, architect; that the work was done by the Price Concrete Construction Co. under specifications prepared by the Inspector of Buildings, whose office supervised the work, and that the cost was \$ 1100.00.

All of the concrete work will have to be removed and its replacement in a proper manner will probably cost considerably more than it did originally.

The monument itself is in no danger. I am informed by Mr. Berge the Sculptor, that the same rests upon an old bastion foundation. I am also told by Mr. Berge that the part of the wall that has not fallen down rests upon a solid foundation and does not extend more than 5 feet below grade, whereas the part that has broken away was extended 13 to 15 feet below grade to rest upon firm earth in the slope.,

The absence of reinforcement in the concrete; insufficient footing, and the great weight of concrete bearing upon the slope on one side doubtless combined to cause the break-away.

Reconstruction of the work might be made to include steps for an approach to the monument as recommended in your letter to the Park Board of November 4, 1916, transmitting sketch received by you from Mr. J. Appleton Wilson, Architect and Historian, Society War of 1812.

GENERAL OFFICE

PARK DEPARTMENT

DRUID HILL PARK

To..... DATE..... SHEET No.....

C O P Y

Preston/3/15/17--2

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It occurs to me that Mr. J. Appleton Wilson might be interested in reporting upon present conditions.

I am writing this letter at the suggestion of members of the Park Board for your information. The Board would be pleased to have your views on the subject.

Respectfully,

bp.

(signed)

J.V.Kelly.

MAYOR'S OFFICE
BALTIMORE

March
Sixteenth
Nineteen
Seventeen

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,
 Druid Hill Park,
 City.

Gentlemen:-

I have your letter of March 15th., relative to the crack that has developed in the semi-circular wall and seat of the Armistead Monument at Fort McHenry.

I have not see this for several months. It may be that it has widened very much in that time.

My personal view is, as explained to you in my former letter, that four, five or six feet of this concrete be cut out in the middle and steps put in straight up to the floor of the monument, and that some inexpensive arrangement be made for an approach to the monument from the rear by steps over the bastion.

The location of the monument has been criticized, but my judgment is that it is not half as bad as it has been described. I do not know where we could place it that would be better.

Mr. Beecher I think, with Mr. Berge, was the architect of this monument, and he might be consulted about this.

We ought not spend much money on this, and this seems to me to be the simplest treatment. It might be that a flight of steps on each end of the concrete parapet wall and seat might be better. Mr. Beecher might be consulted about this and will give you no doubt, without charge, careful

MAYOR'S OFFICE
BALTIMORE

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS, #2.

consideration of the subject, and a sketch, as I am sure he is interested in the work being done right.

If the steps were made at each end of the parapet wall, then the center for two or three feet ought to be cut out and replaced where the break is.

This is only a suggestion, however.

Yours very truly,

(signed) JAMES H. PRESTON.

MAYOR.

JHP/JAN

Copy - Mr. Beecher, C/o Mr. J. E. Sperry, 400 Calvert Building, City.
" - Mr. Edward Berge, 3024 Harford Avenue, City.
" - Mr. J. Appleton Wilson, 800 Law Building, City.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND SQUARES

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

DRUID HILL PARK

Baltimore

Preston/3/15/17 --2.

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However, Mr. A. B. Bibbins has been down to look at the situation since the break occurred, and has telephoned this office his opinion that the wall and seat be not reconstructed. He thinks, as does Mr. Berge, that the monument is too small for its present location and intends to write the Park Board on the subject after conference with Mr. Berge, who at present is out of the city.

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PRESIDENT

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J. COOKMAN BOYD
EDWARD HANLON

J. V. KELLY,
SECRETARY



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS AND SQUARES

GENERAL OFFICES: DRUID HILL PARK

May 3, 1917.

Mr. J. Appleton Wilson, Architect,
800-801 Law Building,
City.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor has referred to this Office your letter to him of April 27th, in reference to the condition of the Armistead Monument at Fort McHenry. I enclose copy of a letter addressed by myself to the Mayor on the subject under date of March 15th 1917, which fully explains the situation.

Both Mr. Berge and Mr. Bibbins have inspected the monument, and in accordance with their suggestion, the Board does not contemplate restoring the semi-circular seat, but to fix the mound upon which the statue stands so that the appearance will be presentable.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "G. W. Williams", written over a horizontal line.

S.



JAMES H. PRESTON
MAYOR.

Mayor's Office,

BALTIMORE, MD.,

May
Fifth
Nineteen
Seventeen

J. APPLETON WILSON, ESQ.,
800 Law Building,
City.

My dear Sir:-

I have your letter of May 4th., enclosing copy of your letter to Mr. Kelly, Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners.

I feel very much inclined to agree with you that the location of the Armistead Monument is a good one and that we ought to make no attempt to change it.

What ought to be done, at the proper time, is to arrange for an ample exedra and approach. The occupation of Fort McHenry by the federal troops makes construction there difficult and expensive at present.

I am rather inclined to think that we ought to go ahead and fix this matter up now, make an adequate and proper approach from the front and the rear, build steps up to the monument, build a new concrete construction without changing the location.

We have spent a great deal of time in fixing this location. I know of no better one that we could have selected.

Yours very truly,

James H. Preston
MAYOR.

JHP/JAN

J. APPLETON WILSON
ARCHITECT

TELEPHONE, ST. PAUL 3300

800-801 LAW BUILDING, COURTLAND ST.

BALTIMORE, MD. May, 4, 1917.

Dept. of Public Parks, J.V. Kelly Secretary.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of yesterday enclosing copy of a letter dated March 15, 17 to His Honor the Mayor in regard to the Armistead monument. It seems to me that we are more interested in the present condition, and future disposition of this monument, than in its past. However, I believe that if the concrete wall & seat had been put up with proper expansion joints, and the water falling in the semi-circular area had been taken care of by a cement pavement sloping away from the wall, the work would now be intact. I understand that the present location of the statue was suggested by Mr. Olmstead and in many respects it is an ideal one, its chief defect being the difficulty of getting a good frontal view. The steps and front approach already suggested, would help to remove this objection. I am compelled to disagree with the suggestion of removal of the wall or of the statue itself. The reasons which prompted its location are just as good now as when it was erected, and I can see no reason to hope that any other site will be any better. As to the wall, it will probably cost as much to remove the part which is intact as to replace the part which has slipped away. If the monument seems too small, as has been suggested, the removal of the wall and seat will cause it to appear smaller still. If the foundation is on solid ground and as deep as you say, I see no reason why the wall should not stand if properly replaced. I fail to see how either Mr. Beecher or Mr. Berge are in anywise responsible for present conditions, as you say that the specifications for the work were prepared in the Office of the Building Inspector, the contract given out there, and the work supervised by them. Nothing whatever seems to have been done either to preserve the work or to beautify it since it was erected. The two old guns at the ends of the wall needed painting to preserve them and to prevent the rust from discoloring the wall, not even this was attended to. It is not my province to fix responsibilities, but the monument and its surroundings were certainly under the control of the park board after completion, and are so now, whether it was erected without consultation with them or not. In conclusion, it is my absolute conviction that the monument should be kept where it is, the broken wall should be restored, a proper pavement laid inside the circle to keep the water away from the foundation and a suitable approach and steps be provided in front, after which, the surroundings ought to be looked after, and kept in proper condition by the park authorities. Present conditions are a reproach to the City and to all who are responsible for their continuance.

I am also sending a copy of this letter to the Mayor.

Very truly yours,

J. Appleton Wilson

800-801 Law Building
Baltimore, Nov. 9, 1917

George Weems Williams Esq

President Department of Public Parks.

Dear Sir:

I was astonished to see in the Sun of the 7th inst. a long article in which it was made to appear that the concrete wall and seat surrounding the Armistead Monument at Ft. McHenry, was to be dynamited, and the fragment thrown over the sea wall.

In the name of the Society of the War of 1812 which took an active part in the erection of this monument, and contributed toward its cost, I wish to protest against such action. I wrote to Mayor on Oct. 26, 1916 in regard to this matter, and in his reply he suggested a better approach, and requested me to submit to your Board, my ideas on the subject. This I did on Nov. 3, 1916, together with a sketch showing proposed walks, and a stairway from the east. I heard nothing in reply until May 3d following, when I received from your office a copy of a letter addressed to the Mayor, and dated March 13, 1917, giving some past history of the wall and monument. I replied to your Board under date of May, 4 giving in full my views on the whole subject, which have only intensified since that letter was written. A copy of this letter was also sent to the Mayor, who replied the next day (May 5.) that he was very much inclined to agree with me that the location of the monument was a good one, and that we ought to make no attempt to change it. He further said that an ample exedra and approach ought to be provided, and closed by saying, "We have spent a great deal of time in fixing this location. I know of no better one that we could have selected." I want to call your attention again to my letter to your Board of May 4, 1917, if it is still on your files. If it is not, I should be most glad to send you a copy. I shall bring this matter to the attention of the Society of the War of 1812 at its next meeting, and am enclosing a copy of this letter to the Mayor.

Very truly yours,

J Appleton Nelson

*Copies of letter sent with this above
Nov 20, 1917*

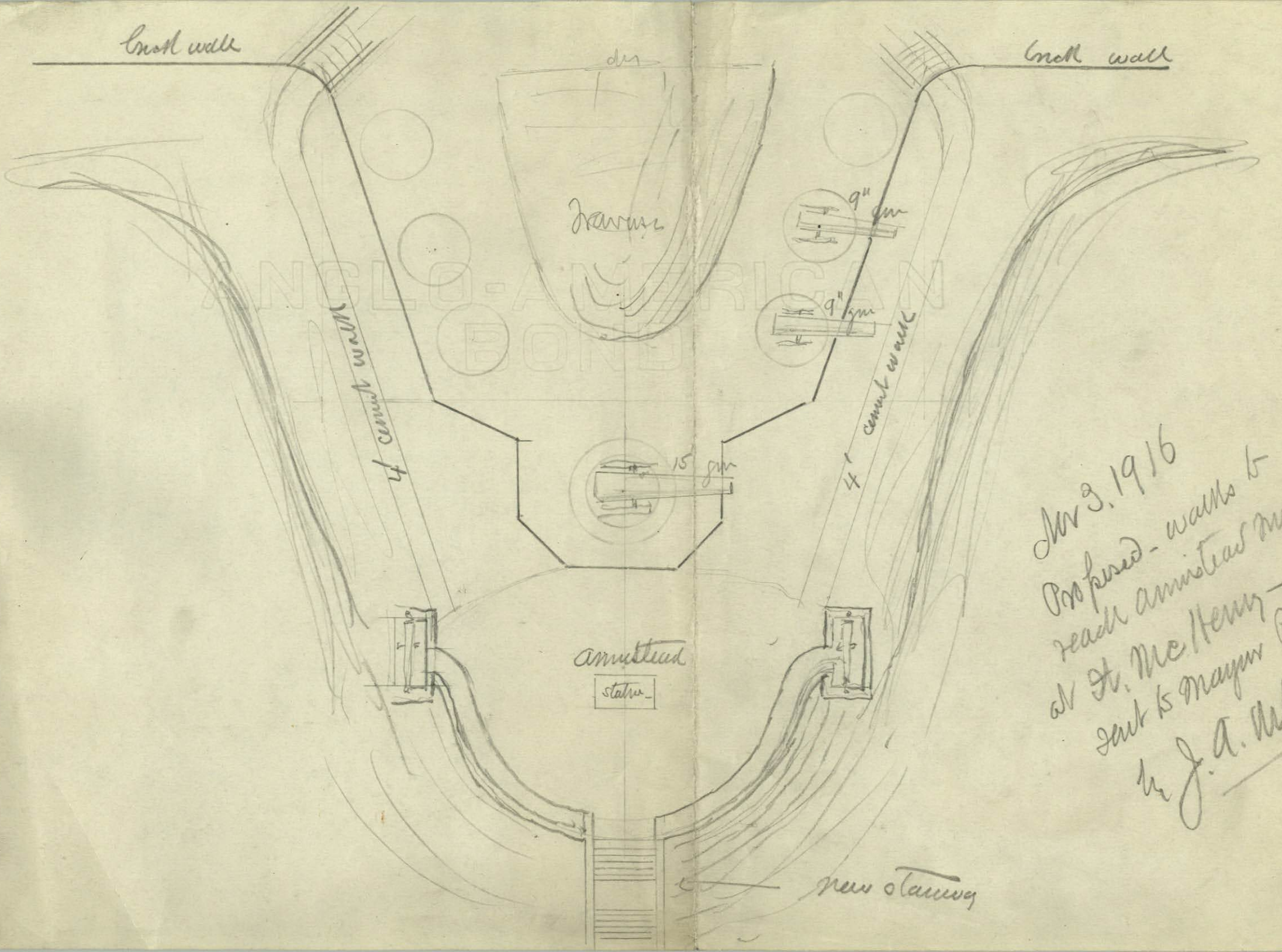
*Hon James H. Preston
Mayor of Baltimore*

*Dear Sir: I am enclosing you
herewith - a copy of a letter to the President of the Park Board - which
explains itself. I must beg your pardon for again intruding this
matter upon your attention, but its importance, and the incompetent
way in which it has been handled, must be my excuse*

*yours truly
J Appleton Nelson*

Crest wall

Crest wall



Aug 3, 1916
 Proposed - wants to
 reach Amstelred summit
 at St. McHenry -
 sent to Mayor Preston
 by J. A. Nelson

Copy

November, 15, 1917

Hon James H. Preston,
Mayor of Baltimore,

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of 12th inst, I absolutely agree with you that the broken half of the wall at the Armistead statue will have to be removed, but I can see no reason why the other half which is intact, should be disturbed at all. However, the ground enclosed within it should at least be graded so that the rain will run away from the base of the wall, instead of sinking in and destroying the foundation.

The better way, in my judgement, would be to build the proposed flight of steps on the east, and at the same time re construct the half of wall which has settled away. Then lay a good cement pavement in the entire area enclosed by the wall, all as indicated by the sketch I transmitted to you on Nov. 3. 16. The use of the port by the Government does not interfere in the least with that part of it where the statue is placed, and as soon as the present use of the reservation is over, it will undoubtedly be turned back to the use of the City, as it was before.

Of course if any concrete work is done, it should be commenced at once, so it could be finished before severe weather sets in.

Very truly yours,

J. Appleton Alden

Historian, Society War of 1812.



JAMES H. PRESTON
MAYOR.

Mayor's Office,

BALTIMORE, MD.,

November
Twelfth
Nineteen
Seventeen

J. APPLETON WILSON, ESQ.,
800 Law Building,
City.

My dear Mr. Wilson:-

I have your letter of November 10th.

In the present state of Fort McHenry it is a doubtful expediency for the city to make any material improvements.

The broken parapet, however, around the Armistead Monument is split and sagging and it occurs to me we ought to remove this and grass it over temporarily. It will have to come away eventually in any event. I think perhaps it ought not to be dynamited because this might disturb the foundations.

My suggestion about the matter is that this broken and sagged parapet be removed and grassed over temporarily so that it would not present such a reproachful appearance.

Yours very truly,

James H. Preston
MAYOR.

JHP/JAN

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS AND SQUARES

GENERAL OFFICES: DRUID HILL PARK

November 17, 1917.

Mr. J. Appleton Wilson,
800 Law Building,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 9th, addressed to the President of the Park Board, Mr. George Weems Williams, in reference to the Armistead Monument at Fort McHenry was referred to me with direction to let you have the correspondence on the subject.

The enclosed letter which I addressed to Mayor Preston on March 15th, gives the complete data so far as this Department is concerned.

At the last meeting of the Park Board the subject was discussed and it was decided that the same was not a park topic at this time.

The present condition of the parapet wall is a reflection upon the city and Mayor Preston is anxious to have the unsightliness removed in the most economical manner possible.

The city is without any jurisdiction to make improvements at Fort McHenry but the Mayor has gotten permission from the Secretary of War to remove the parapet wall, which may be done without injury to the monument and would have to be done in any event before suitable improvement of the monument setting could be made.

Very truly yours,

bp



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CABLE "BELVEDERE"

EUROPEAN

HOTEL BELVEDERE

BALTIMORE,

191

CHARLES & CHASE STREETS.

Judge J. J. Elliott ✓

Col. B. F. Taylor ✓

A. D. Barnard ✓

Jas. E. Byrd ✓

Gen. H. H. H. ✓

E. F. Arthur ✓

Alfred J. Carr ✓

Pres. of the -
Comm. for Col. Amstead
statue

city - we will discuss it.
Together, he is now at -
The Mart Brough - Blenheim
Atlantic City.

I shall write him
to morrow.

Sincerely yours -

James Amistead Gordon
1216 St. Paul St.

Baltimore October 1st.

My dear Dr. T. G. Clark -

I have just
read your most interesting
letter on the subject of
Waltham, and of a monument
to be erected in honor of
the memory of my Grandfather
Amistead. Of course I
shall wish to contribute,
had as soon as my
father returns to the

~~Mr. President and~~ ^LGentlemen of the
Society of the War of 1812.

It is not unknown to you that I have long felt great interest in all the history of the War of 1812 and in every effort to establish memorials of that struggle, the success of which demonstrated to the world that the United States had not only achieved Independence in 1784, and founded a more perfect Union in 1789, but ~~is~~ ^{had} also become firmly established as one of the Nations of the earth with which the other Nations must reckon in their intercourse with the American Continent.

I am especially interested and gratified at the recent cession of Fort McHenry to the City of Baltimore to be ever preserved as the scene of the historical defense which marked Baltimore's part in the War, and, therefore, the most fitting memorial site of that successful defense. The cession of Fort McHenry ~~has not~~ ^{is not} been desired merely in order to establish a Park, or a new pleasure ground, or to afford a few acres of open air with attractive verdure and grateful shade. It is because the soil is sacred soil in the history of Baltimore, because, to the eyes of patriotic affection, the foot prints of the defenders of our City will ever be visable ^{on that soil} and their service will ^{ever} be held in tender memory. It is my purpose to recommend to your Society today a further step in the commemoration of the defense of Fort McHenry. The active and successful defense of the Fort was an achievement of the officers and

men who that day made the history we now hold in reverence. It was their courage, their patriotism, their might that kept "gallantly streaming" the flag that inspired a Maryland poet to give expression to the sentiment and feeling of his day in our National Anthem, and it is the quick, ready, continuous response of American patriotism that has enshrined that poem in the hearts of our people. I wish then to suggest a further, and, as I see it, a proper and natural step in the commemoration of the defense of our City by the erection at Fort McHenry of a statue of the gallant Commander who conducted that defense. It is action at the crucial moment that determines the event in all human affairs, and such action must ~~have been~~^{be} the work of the leader, the Commander, on whom responsibility for failure must rest and to whom success must bring a tribute of grateful recognition.

I believe Colonel Armistead exhibited wisdom, courage and patriotism in the gallant fight of that day and, while there is "glory enough for all", I suggest that on the soil which he defended, ~~a~~^{the} statue shall stand as a tribute to his service and through him to the "men who stood behind the guns".

BOARD

JOSEPH H. RASH
PRESIDENT

SAMUEL HOPKINS, VICE PRES.

MRS. M. RICHMOND FARRING
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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

DRUID HILL PARK
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21217

DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY
DIRECTOR

LINDA A. BENNETT
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

523-4643

October 13, 1971

Mr. Curtis Carroll Davis, President
The Society of the War of 1812 in the
State of Maryland
A-2 Homewood Apartments
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Dear Mr. Davis:

We have finally had a response from the Hilgartner Company about the Colonel George Armistead Monument at Federal Hill. I am attaching a copy of this response.

I am in no position to lay out \$8,290.00, worth of repairs in this monument at this time.

I am desirous of seeing it repaired and will place this amount of money in our 1973 budget request and try to sustain it.

Please check with me next June to learn whether I have been successful in getting the needed funds.

Very truly yours,

Douglas S. Tawney
Douglas S. Tawney,
Director

DST:jb

Attachment

cc: Mr. C. A. Young, Jr.

HILGARTNER NATURAL STONE COMPANY, INC.

(SUCCESSOR TO THE BUSINESS OF HILGARTNER MARBLE AND GRANITE CO.)

1300 SOUTH SHARP STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21230
301-752-4832

OCTOBER 1, 1971

MR. THOMAS CHASE
SUPT. CARROLL PARK
2100 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21230

RE: COL. GEORGE ARMSTEAD
MONUMENT-FEDERAL HILL

DEAR MR. CHASE:

THIS IS TO CLARIFY OUR PHONE CONVERSATION OF TODAY AS TO THE PRICE REQUESTED FOR THE REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT ON THIS MONUMENT.

WE PROPOSE TO FURNISH AND INSTALL THE FOUR NEW CANNON REPLACEMENTS AND ALSO THE NEW FLAMING BOMB IN VERMONT REGAL WHITE MARBLE WITH A SAND FINISH FOR \$8,290.00. THIS MATERIAL IS SIMILAR TO THAT NOW AT THE MONUMENT BUT HAS SOME DARK VEINING. WE HAD TO GET THE MOST SOUND MATERIAL AVAILABLE WHILE MATCHING THE EXISTING AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE. UNVEINED STOCK WOULD BE UNSOUND.

OUR PRICE INCLUDES THE INSTALLATION OF LONG, $\frac{3}{4}$ " DIA. STAINLESS STEEL RODS INTO THE CANNONS AND THE FLAMING BALL AND INTO THE EXISTING MONUMENT WHICH SHOULD BE QUITE A DETERENT TO VANDALISM. ALSO INCLUDED IS THE RECEMENTING OF THESE ITEMS TO THE MONUMENT. ALL JOINTS WILL ALSO BE REPOINTED TO HELP SEAL OUT THE ELEMENTS.

FULL WORKING DRAWINGS OF THE REPLACEMENT PIECES WERE MADE (THANKS TO THE EXCELLENT PHOTO BY A.A. RODINE) SO THAT A PRICE COULD BE FORMULATED. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT INSTALLATION CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN 3 MONTHS FROM DATE OF ORDER AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPROVED SAMPLES.

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WE FOUND THE EXISTING FLAMING BALL TO BE SO DETERIORATED THAT NO REPAIRS COULD BE MADE. HOWEVER, WE ARE HOLDING IT AS A CARVING MODEL. THIS CAN BE RETURNED ON REQUEST AFTER COMPLETION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR CALLING ON US AND PLEASE KEEP US ADVISED ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS WORK.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

HILGARTNER NATURAL STONE COMPANY


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