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December 17th, 1934.

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Mr. W. H. Moreland,  
Dean Washington Lee School of Law,  
Lexington, Va.

Dear Mr. Moreland:

I was very surprised and sorry to read in this morning's Constitution that the law school had burned. I hope that some of the more valuable contents of the building were saved, including the potrait of John Marshall.

I hope that plans to rebuild can be effected soon, and assure you that I will be happy to assist in any manner possible. I am sorry that I cannot be of financial assistance at this time, but will be happy to co-operate to the best of my ability.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

*Francis Fuller*

FF/W



December 17, 1934

COLONNADE CLUB  
UNIVERSITY, VIRGINIA

Dear Mr. Moreland,

Wash. & Lee Univ. Law School,  
Lexington, Va.,

Dear Mr. Wood: -

I learned from the morning papers with deep distress of the destruction by fire of Tucker Hall. If there is anything I can do, I shall be more than glad to do it.

Tragic as it now seems, I also venture the hope that it may prove a blessing in disguise - that your law-school alumni, led by a group of outstanding lawyers (of whom you have an amazingly large number) will raise money swiftly to build a new building that will be worthy of the distinguished law-school it will house.

I am leaving here tomorrow night for Chicago on the George Washington and hope to find you on the train.

Cordially  
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E. MORRIS ABERNATHY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
LAWRENCEVILLE, VIRGINIA

December 17, 1934

Dean W. H. Moreland  
Lexington, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moreland:

I was distressed to see in the paper this morning that the old law building was burned. I know that this will be a source of great confusion to you and the faculty and to the boys, even aside from the loss. I hope, however, that you can soon make arrangements to carry on the work of the school, but I know that it will be impossible to accumulate such a library as you had, and in my opinion, that really is one of the greatest of the losses.

I wish I was in position to donate at least some needed set of books in order to help supply the library, but I am not in position to do so at this time. I do know, however, where a set of American Digest, beginning with the Volume for 1889 and including the Decennial Edition, the Second Decennial Edition, the Third Decennial Edition and the Current Digest, could be bought at second hand prices, and also a set of Corpus Juris through Volume 54. If you care for me to do so, I would be glad to assist you in getting these books.

I had quite a feeling of reverence for the old building, and know that I will miss seeing it on the campus when I visit the old Alma Mater again.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

A/d

*E. Morris Abernathy*  
E. Morris Abernathy.



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December 17th, 1934.

Dean W. H. Moreland,  
Washington and Lee University,  
Lexington, Virginia.

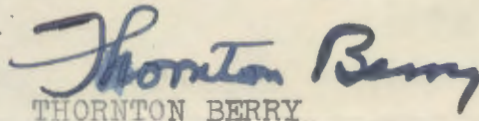
Dear Dean Moreland:

I was very much grieved to note in headlines of this morning's paper that the law school had burned.

However, out of everything of this nature some good must come, and I hope the alumni of our fine school will come to its aid and help to replace the law school with an edifice in keeping with the other architecture of the University, and more fitting for its distinguished Dean.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

  
THORNTON BERRY

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WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY  
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA  
PAUL M. PENICK, TREASURER

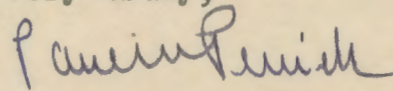
December 17, 1934.

My dear Dean Moreland:

I know your law faculty will need an office for conferences, and I suggest that you use the President's office for this purpose until he is able to get out. Something else will be made available in a few days.

I have tried several times this morning to get you by telephone, but you happened to be out so I am sending you this note.

Yours very truly,



PAUL M. PENICK

P. S. I suggest that after Wednesday the "Y" room will be available. There is plenty of room there for your whole faculty.



2107 S Street  
Washington, D.C.  
Dec 17, 1934.

My dear Mr. Howland -

It was with great sorrow that I read to night of the disastrous fire that swept thru "Tucker Hall."

Might I suggest that a personal appeal sent out to all alumni, at this time, might easily exceed the efforts expended.

Please be so kind as to accept my donation, meagre as it is, to aid in the rebuilding of what is, in my humble opinion, the finest law school in the country,

Sincerely,

Frank Patton. -



R. B. STEPHENSON  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
COVINGTON, VIRGINIA

December 17, 1934.

Mr. W. H. Moreland,  
Dean W. & L. Law School,  
Lexington, Virginia.

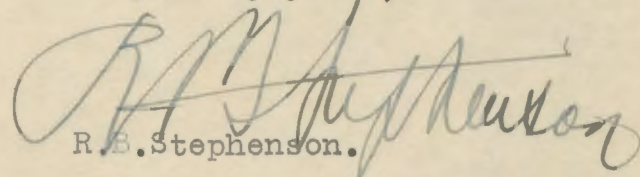
Dear Judge:-

I was sorry to hear of your disastrous fire destroying the law building on yesterday. It will certainly put you to a lot of inconvenience and trouble.

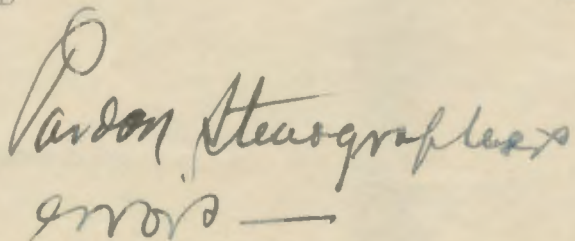
However, it may be a blessing in disguise. The building was so out of harmony with the other buildings on the campus. I never could understand ~~why~~ such an architectural blunder. I am wondering just how you will get along without a law library in teaching, but then again this has its compensating feature. We have so much study of case law now by the bar that may be it will be a good thing to resort just to the general principles for awhile. I just wanted to let you know I was thinking of you and this does not require a reply, as you are all upset from the fire.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

  
R. B. Stephenson.

RBS:SB

  
Gordon Stearns



December 18, 1934

Mr. Vivian L. Page  
Attorney at Law  
Norfolk, Virginia

My dear Vivian:

No doubt you have seen in the papers the account of the total destruction of the law building with all of its contents on last Sunday morning. The loss of the library is by far, I think, the most serious.

As you probably know, the State gave us eight copies of every issue of the Virginia Reports, and one copy of the Acts of Assembly. I flatter myself that with your assistance the legislature will replace at least a part of this material, and I am wondering if with your influence we might have some of it replaced at once, relying upon the legislature's authorization at its next session.

I know this is asking a great deal of you, but I think you will pardon it when you realize that faculty, students, and law school lost practically everything they had in the way of books and notes.

Very sincerely yours,

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December 18, 1934

The Librarian,  
Law Library,  
Washington & Lee College,  
Lexington, Va.

Dear Sir:

We noticed in the morning paper the regrettable loss to your institution of your law library by fire.

Of course, you will replace the library. When you are ready to buy, we feel confident that it will be to the financial benefit of the College to let us bid on the furnishing of such part of the library as we have in stock for sale. We know we can save you a worthwhile amount of money.

Under separate cover we are mailing you a partial list of what we can furnish you.

We carry in stock, besides all the Pennsylvania books, the standard sets, such as Corpus Juris, Ruling Case Law, L.R.A., A.L.R., Federal and U. S. Supreme, American Digest, etc.

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RICHMOND

December 18, 1934.

Mr. W. H. Moreland,  
Dean, Law School,  
Washington and Lee University,  
Lexington, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Moreland:

Ever since I saw in the paper yesterday morning an account of the disastrous fire, I have been thinking of you and the law school. I am very much grieved. If an appeal is made to the alumni for funds, I am satisfied that the alumni will do their best. The building and equipment must be restored. I am thankful that those who were injured in the fire were not seriously injured.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*C. H. Morrisett*



OFFICE NO. 53904      THIRD CLASS  
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE  
NEW BOSTON, TEXAS.

L. R. ATKINS, Postmaster.

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1934

Messrs Washington & Lee University  
Lexington, Va.

Gentlemen; I notice you have met with a very serious loss by fire of your law school, Tucker Hall.

I formerly practised law in Chicago. Before coming here I loaned my law library which was quite extensive to the La Salle Extension University with a few exceptions.

One of the exceptions was a set of Illinois Appellate Court reports. This set I loaned to a lawyer friend in Elgin, Illinois a former Mayor of that place. He passed away last spring. The set is now at his residence. There are 267 volumes all in buckram clean like new a beautiful set. They are in sectional dark oak cases.

If you have lost your library and contemplate replacing same I would be pleased to figure with you on this set.

The books at the La Salle Extension University I prefer to not disturb at this time.

Trusting we may get together in this matter I remain, yours sincerely,  
L. R. Atkins.



IVOR A. PAGE  
VIVIAN L. PAGE

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ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

December 19, 1934

Hon. W. H. Moreland,  
Dean of Law School,  
Washington & Lee University,  
Lexington, Va.

Dear Boss:

Acknowledging receipt of yours of the 18th, I was much distressed to see the <sup>account of the</sup> destruction by fire of the Law Building and its Library on Sunday last. I was much gratified, however, to see by subsequent news in the press that you will be able to go on with your work immediately after the holidays.

I assure you that it will be a privilege to do anything possible looking to having the State donate to the University the copies of the Virginia Reports and of the Acts of Assembly as set forth in your letter. I am taking the matter up with the proper Department head in Richmond and immediately upon hearing from them will again communicate with you.

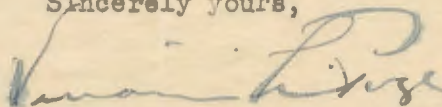
I am sure that the lawyer members of the General Assembly will feel inclined to restore to Washington & Lee copies of these volumes which were lost. In addition to there being a number of lawyers there are a great many of them Washington & Lee men and if necessary to enlist the aid of the Governor I am sure he will be inclined to do whatever is possible.

In replacing your lost volumes of various books it has just occurred to me that George D. Shore, Jr., class of '16 has an extra set of Cyc and Corpus Juris, which I am sure he will be willing to sell to the University at a very reasonable price. If I could be of any assistance in locating books which are for sale in this community do not hesitate to call upon me.

I hope that you, the members of your Department and the students will not be greatly inconvenienced as a result of this catastrophe and that in the immediate future you will be able to restore a building of handsome design and convenient quarters.

Again assuring you that I will give this matter my immediate attention and wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,

Sincerely yours,



VLP:EH



December 19, 1934

The Michie Company  
Charlottesville  
Virginia

Gentlemen:

I want to thank you for your letter, received this morning, and to assure you that your offer of cooperation is deeply appreciated.

Our task now is to assemble an emergency library for the use of our students during the rest of this semester--in fact, until new permanent quarters for the law school can be established.

I am placing the following order with you, with the hope and the expectation that later more books can be purchased on the same account:

1 Minor on Real Property.

Very truly yours,

Dean, School of Law

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SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS  
OF VIRGINIA

H. H. WAYT,  
CLERK

STAUNTON

Dec. 20, 1934

Dear Moreland,

Of course I was sorry to hear of the fire, both on account of the loss which it brought and because of the additional work you will have on account of superintending and reorganization. My hope is that out of evil good will come and that you may have more adequate quarters than those destroyed. My interest in the work which you are accomplishing continues vivid and if you will not tell anybody I will confide in you to this extent. You have the best law school in Virginia.

Cordially yours,

*Henry Holt*



WAILES HANK  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
LAW BUILDING  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

December 20, 1934.

Mr. W. H. Moreland  
Washington and Lee University  
Lexington, Virginia.

My dear Moreland;

It is with regret that I learn of the destruction of the Washington and Lee Law Library.

I have in my library part of Minor's Institutes in duplicate as follows:

Volume 11

Volume 111, Part 1

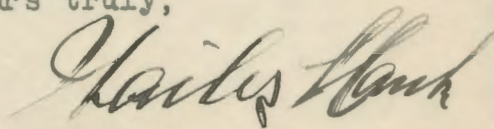
Volume 1V, Part 1 and Part 11.

As you know, these volumes are out of print, and while they are not referred to as frequently now as they were some years ago, nevertheless, a student reading the decisions of thirty years ago does need these books.

If Washington and Lee would like to have the volumes mentioned above, I shall be very happy to send them to you.

Wishing you the Season's Greetings, I am,

Yours truly,



Wailes Hank

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MUTUAL BUILDING

RICHMOND, VA.

December 20, 1934.

Dean W. H. Moreland,  
Washington & Lee University,  
Lexington, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Moreland:

Needless to say, I have thought of all of you in the Law School frequently since your recent disaster. Frankly, my regrets about the loss of Tucker Hall are purely sentimental, because I have never thought it either ornamental or adequate. And I am particularly distressed at the loss of its contents.

I do hope that in rebuilding, Washington & Lee will give its Law School a physical plant comparable to the Law School's splendid faculty.

With kindest regards to you and your family, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*Lewis F. Powell*

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