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They to endorse a resolution passed by the Trustees of Museums at its meeting on Nov 27th and are directed to say that it is the earnest desire of the Board and also of the Principal of the Movement that it may be possible to secure the continuance of museum & the immediate further prepaid & the engagements & repairs of the Museum during the separate existence of museum.

Reply

Copy to Greenshields

June 26/89

Dear Mr Greenshields,

I beg to enclose a copy of the Resolution of June 27th, to which I referred yesterday, which please refer. I may explain that on June 5th the Board passed a resolution, offering to make any arrangements that might be agreeable to Dr M. but in

Intimating that he should abstain from agitations against the regulations. He replied demanding a withdrawal of the Army and the fleet, and a manifesto in defence of any declaration. In reply the Government passed the resolution enclosed. So thus he remains no answer till September when he ~~thought his position~~ should be difficult to defend with his Service

closed the matter
by a short resolution
expressing satisfaction.
It was after this in December,
~~and after he had~~
~~personally expressed me~~
~~a new interpreter for the City on the Hill~~
that in Dec he published
his very unwise letter
in the Week
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his conduct in the whole matter, beginning with his insolent and impertinent letter to me in May 1888, and ending with the ~~outbreak~~ impossible outrageous utterances in November, has been beyond anything in my previous experience of men, ~~and~~ but I have been content for the sake of

P.S. I have decided it will be best to say nothing of his conduct except when contrasted with Stevens's fairness.

111 Mackay Street, 23d April, 1889.

My dear Sir William,

I do not intend to raise any discussion in regard to the correspondence which passed between the Board of Governors and myself last year, but rather to make a suggestion which will, I believe, prevent the revival of such a discussion. My last letter to the Board was written on the distinct understanding, that it was "the intention of the Board to act towards me as one who is not even accused of having violated any Statute or Regulation of the University;" and the Board, in accepting my letter, agreed to this understanding. Now, the actions of the Board are its transactions, as recorded in its minutes; and the understanding agreed to is not carried out, as long as the records of the Board contain a minute, like that of June 5th, associating my name with offences, of which the Board knows me to be as guiltless as any man who has ever been connected with the university. That minute, which led to all the subsequent correspondence, might of

course be counteracted by a resolution recording the whole facts of the case; but as the terms of such a resolution might give rise to undesirable discussion, the ends of justice would be most effectively secured if the whole subject were buried at once by expunging the entire record of the case, that is, the minutes of June 5th, June 27th, Sept. 27th, and Nov. 6th. This course is one that is far from being unfamiliar in the history of Boards that keep minutes of their transactions. It is an obvious principle of justice regulating all such minutes, that they shall admit no record that could possibly be interpreted as reflecting on the character of an innocent man. The deletion of the minutes, to which I have referred, could not possibly injure any one. Their retention can do no conceivable good to any human being; their only effect is to fix a stigma on my memory, as long as the university

endures, by connecting my name with offences which there is no more reason to associate with me than with any other man. You are in a position to assure the Board that, if it wishes to go out of its way to take notice of my work in the university, it can make no truthful record of that work without recognising the loyalty which I have shown to the university by suppressing so completely my individual opinions, and co-operating so heartily with my colleagues in carrying out all academical regulations. The proposal, therefore, to expunge the record in question would come most appropriately from you; and coming from you, it would of course be at once adopted by the Board.

It will be very gratifying to know that you are prepared to make this proposal at the meeting of the Board on Saturday.

Very truly yours,

J. Clark Murray

Sir W. Dawson.

McGill College.
Montreal.

April 27/89

Dear Dr Murray,

I have received your letter and enclosure, and the Letter has as you desired been laid before the Board of Governors.

I think it right to say with reference to your letter to me that I am not

consciousness of any "wrong done" to you by my action of last May, which I can assure you was prompted solely by ~~a regard for~~ concern for the interests of the University, but was intended to guard your interests as well. I may add that the minutes of the Board, of which

you now complain, have reference chiefly to the contents of your letters to the Board, and to matters arising therefrom, rather than to any action of mine.

Montreal,

26th April, 1889.

My dear Sir William,

When I wrote to you three days ago, I did entertain some hope that you would have eagerly snatched the opportunity thus offered you of making a slight reparation of the wrong done to me by your action of last May. I can now only ask you to lay the accompanying letter before the Board today; and in view of

Your own interests as well as those of the University, I trust that, on reflection, you will not put yourself in the position of refusing a simple act of justice, which, you know, could not possibly do harm to any human being, but would confer an unmixed boon on you as well as on me, and on the University in which we have

a common interest.

Very truly yours,

J. Clark Murray

Sir J. Dawson.

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The Hon'ble
Judge Chunder
643 Sherbrooke St

Telegram
Montreal

April 24/89

Dear Mr Murray

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday and regret to say that I cannot venture to make the suggestion you propose to the Board of Managers in view, namely, the whole matter has been ~~for some time~~, and who I am sure have actuated ~~actuated~~ by the most just and praiseworthy motives. If such a resolution is made it had better come from myself; but for reasons which I shall state when we meet, I think it would be ~~well~~ ~~but to~~ ~~take~~ any further action in the matter.

The Meeting of Governors ~~this week~~ has been changed to Friday at 4 PM instead of 8 Thursday

Yours very

Since this I think
note as I am
much pressed will
write

Murray
Oct 25/89

111 Mackay Street,
Montreal,
24th Oct., 1889.

Answered
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My dear Sir William,

I have not answered your letters of the 24th and 27th of April last, because I continued to hope that you would still see it to be your duty to make the very slight reparation I had asked for the wrong done me by your action last year. But as you have done nothing to repair that wrong, I must now draw your attention to your letters.

You waive my request to repair the wrong by telling me that you are "not conscious of any wrong done" to me. You cannot of course mean

that no wrong was done to me in reality; for I cannot suppose you to hold that no wrong is done to an innocent man by taking up an evil report against him, by circulating it officially, and by doing nothing to contradict it or to counteract its effects after it has been proved to be without foundation. I must infer that your meaning is explained by the further statement, that your action "was prompted solely by concern for the interests of the university, but was intended to guard my interests as well." And I presume it is in the same spirit you assure

me that "the Governors were actuated by the most just and friendly disposition." You must surely see that these remarks carry the controversy into a sphere, in which you cannot be followed. I do not question, for I make no pretence to know, your conscious intentions or the conscious dispositions of the ~~Bo~~ Governors. The wrong done to me is wholly independent of your consciousness; it consists in your actions and the transactions of the Board.

But now that you have assured me of your intentions and the

dispositions of the Board, there should be no diffic: ulty in coming to a satis: factory settlement of the whole matter. As it is your intention to guard my interests as well as those of the university, you will of course have no hesitation in taking effective measures to make known the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in reference to the report which has led to all this unpleasantness.

As you wrote to me an official letter summon: ing me to answer that report, and as my answer silenced it completely,

I may surely call upon you now to guard my interests by writing to me another ~~letter~~ official letter stating frankly that you had discovered the report to be without any foundation in fact. I shall leave you to add any expressions of regret, which justice may seem to require, for having given official sanction to such a report.

As you laid this report officially before the Board of Governors, and induced them to take official action upon it, I may surely call upon you also to take the first opportunity of officially

withdrawing the report from the consideration of the Board, and insisting that the Board shall record ~~that~~ the fact that it was officially withdrawn because it had proved to be without any foundation in fact.

The minutes, which the Board has entered in reference to this matter, evidently ignore the fact that I had completely vindicated myself against the injurious report which I was summoned to answer. I am perfectly willing that you or the Board should bring any complaint against me, which you are prepared

to substantiate by legal evidence; but when I challenge not only the fullest inquiry into the allegations of your report, but the most searching scrutiny of my whole academical life, it is surely a most incomprehensible course for you and the Board to ignore my challenge altogether, and to adopt a resolution warning me not to perpetrate offences, of which you know me to be as innocent as any of yourselves. I cannot conceive that either you or the Board claim the right to record injurious reflections on the character of a professor without

making any complaint against him or giving him any opportunity of defence; and if you will not agree to the generous settlement, which I proposed, of quashing the whole record, it is surely not impossible by friendly conference to hit upon some other course which would be equally honourable to the Board and just to me.

Yours very truly,

J. Clark Murray

Copy

Oct 31/89

Dear Mr Merry,

I received your favor of the 24th inst on the day of the 25th, and have been prevented by your assuming to the propriety of other duties at the Room.

The subject to which you refer has been by yourself removed from my jurisdiction and placed in that of the Board of Governors to whom we are both responsible, so that I need ~~say nothing except to~~ only repeat that I believe my action in the matter has been nothing more than the discharge of my duty to the Museum and to myself according to my best judgment.

With assurance of the friendly interest which you express, I need not assure

for that I am and have been ready to confer personally with you on this or any other matter connected with our ~~museum~~ work in the museum, and to serve you in any way in my power.

Truly yours

W.H.

C. B. Murney
Oct 27/80

Murray

Montreal,
16th Nov., 1889

My dear Sir William,

In acknowledging your letter of the 31st ult. I cannot but express surprise that you do not answer directly and frankly the plain requests which I made. It is surely not difficult to say plainly whether you are willing to officially withdraw and officially contradict a false report which you had the sole responsibility of officially laying before the Board of Governors. You tell me that the subject has been removed from your jurisdiction, and placed in the hands of the

Board, by myself. What you can mean, I am wholly unable to comprehend; for there is nothing more patent than the fact, that I am the very last man who can be charged with bringing such a report before the Governors, while you are alone responsible for giving currency to the report, and inducing the Board to take action upon it.

But whatever may be your meaning, it was not the action of the Governors, it was your own action, to which the requests of my letter referred. I asked you simply to tell the truth, or — what is the same thing — to contradict a false report to which you

had given your official sanction. Surely you do not mean that the question, as to whether you should tell the truth, can ever be removed from your jurisdiction, or left in the hands of any other person. It is you, and you alone, who can decide what your own action in the matter is to be. What the action of the Board may be after you have contradicted and withdrawn your report, of course I cannot say; but you will at least be freed from further responsibility when you have done all that you can do personally to repair

the mischief caused by that report. Whenever you agree to contradict and withdraw the report, I shall be most happy to confer with you in reference to further action; and I feel confident that, when the report is withdrawn, there will be no difficulty in inducing the Governor to agree to a settlement that will be satisfactory to all parties.

Yours very truly,

J. Clark Murray

J. Murray

McGill College,
Montreal.

Nov 23, 1889

Dear Dr Murray,

I confess that I am pained by the contents of your letter of the 16th inst, which indicates a continuance of feeling for which I believe no justification ~~can~~ can be ~~found~~ in my action or in that of the Board of Governors, and which cannot be beneficial to you or

to the University. Since however it does not appear that any good can result from further correspondence on the subject, I trust you will excuse me for merely acknowledging the receipt of your letter, only repeating as emphatically as I can, that I find nothing in my previous

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statements which either truth or ~~[illegible]~~ friendliness to you requires me to withdraw.

I presume you are aware that no Report was submitted by me to the Board of Governors on the matter referred to, but only a copy of my original letter to you (communicated as an official duty, through the Chancellor) — that this was considered by the

Board along with your reply addressed to it, and that its first action was to invite you to a conference with a committee of the Board, at which conference I was not present, and of course had no share in the preparation of the Report of the Committee, which I believe was based, like the resolutions which followed and which were communicated to you, on your own statement of the case.

Truly Yours

J. W. Dawson

Chard

Court House
20th Nov 1889

My dear Sir William

On my return home yesterday I found your note with the enclosure. I think it is quite clear Mr Murray is building up a "record" with a view to altimately publishing the whole correspondence — I think I would look over carefully all that has passed

between you and him
with the view of ascer-
taining whether there
has been anything left
unsaid by you which
he can use to your
disadvantage. That
I would close
correspondence as
you suggest. If you
should find anything
I would contrive to
restore the whole
matter as far as
you & your position
in it is concerned

Dear Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have received the Diploma of Bachelor of Civil Law

Yours
J. C. Hall
20 March 1889

Mr. Hall

and I would then
close it.

We are all,
evidently to have
a good deal more
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be subservient in your
favor & in favor of the
governors - Do write
Yours sincerely
L Bourchier Cushing

May 2/88

Principal submitted for information of the Board a letter written by him to Dr Murray asking explanation of certain expenses stated to have been incurred by him in addition to Certain statements of Prof.

Intended to ask Dr M to institute inquiry in such case has carried in for end of course

May 5. 88

Correspondence was read between Principal & Dr M & Jas Moir & Mr Hague requested to meet with Dr M on matters relating thereto & Report to Board.

May 28 88

Committee reported certain letter Dr Murray also a letter Sub-Legislative Council for Dr M — Referred to a future meeting

~~May~~ June 5/88

Dr Murrays letter was considered also Report of Committee and Obituary entered with both Sir D A S. & Resolution passed & ordered to be trans=

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in their views

June 13/88

Letter read from Dr Mary declining
to make any reply until formally
apprised of charges alleged
to have been brought against
him.

Resolution passed deprecating
the idea of any charge against
him but asking rest of the
Board to carry out its obligations
in matter of education of women
June ~~[illegible]~~ 27 — Mary resolution checking
any accusation
Sept 27 1888 and commendatory

Letter of Sept 21 from Dr
Mary ~~[illegible]~~ read — also rest of
June 5 & Sept 27th — Rules passed
repeating ~~that explanatory~~ given
but subsequently Dr M. asked
only him to withdraw his
last letter — at the same
time copies repeal & resolution
for him

Nov 6/88

Letter read from Dr M & orders to be inserted in Minutes to clear the unprofessional and unfair passed accepting explanation &c

Letter not in minutes

Apl 26. 89

A further letter from Dr Murray was read & laid on the table

May 11 1889

Letter from Brown Minutes referred to Board chairman to reopen question & to expunge minutes

Letter not in minutes

Letter inserted

Oct 25 1889

Letter read from Dr M Resented in Minutes

Secretary instructed to reply that the board has no further area to give them that up Oct 28th

Dr Murray & Unprofessional & wrong

Sept 27 1889

Letter read from Dr Murray & orders in minutes

orders prompt to make a further statement

Secretary directed to inform that Governors have given a state to from statements and their views are misunderstood. Should willingly hear any representation or statements respecting any matter not already concluded.

Dec 13 1889

Letter of Dr Mc relating to his appointment as Examiner for County of Bra and asking ~~permission to~~ the approval of the Board to leave of absence to attend creamatory

——— Granted ———

Matters
of Minutes
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12th May 1888

Correspondence was read between the Principal and Rev. Mr Murray and it was resolved,

"That Mr Murray be asked to meet with Mr J. H. R Molson and Mr George Hague as a Committee of the Board, and that they be authorized to impress on him the obligations of the University in the matter of separate education of Women and the necessity of cordial co-operation in carrying out the same, and absence of agitation of questions already decided by the University except in the University bodies to which such questions belong.

The Committee to report to the Board at its next meeting.

Carried unanimously.

26th May 1888

Mr Hague, on behalf of the Committee of the Board appointed at last meeting to interview Rev. Mr. J. Clark Murray with reference to correspondence between himself and the Principal, submitted their report, and also a letter subsequently received from Rev. Mr. J. Clark Murray.

Resolved

"That the report be received and filed away for future reference, and Mr Murray's letter be referred to the same Committee for their further report at a Special Meeting to be called on Friday the 1st June at 4.30 P. M."

5th June 1888

Mr Hague on behalf of Mr J. H. R. Molson and himself presented a report of their interview with Rev. Mr. J. Clark Murray, and also a report on a letter subsequently received from him and further reported the following resolutions to be communicated to Mr Murray on behalf of the Board.

"On consideration of the letters of the Rev. Mr. J. Clark Murray to this Board and of the report of Messrs J. H. R. Molson and George Hague, members of the Board, on their interview with him and on his subsequent letter of May 33rd, and referring to the obligations entered into by the University with respect to the endowment of Sir Donald A. Smith for the separate education of Women, and to the Regulations of the Corporation based thereon and to the requirements of the Statutes of the University, as well as on consideration of the fact that the work carried on under the present regulations is intended ultimately to assume the form of a distinct College for Women."

It was

It was resolved

1st That the Board of Governors must hold all officers of the College and University as strictly bound to make every exertion for the due observance of the above mentioned obligations and regulations, so long as they shall remain in force and shall not be repealed or amended in the regular methods prescribed by the Statutes of the University. That it is consequently the duty of all such Officers, to sustain the Principal in the administration of the said regulations, and to encourage all members of the University in their due observance, and above all to abstain from all complaints in the public prints respecting said regulations and their operation, and not only from all agitations against them before Students, but from all expressions likely to induce the Students to be disaffected to the Regulations, or to lead them to believe that any Officer of the University sympathises with such disaffection on their part.

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4th That the above resolutions be communicated to Rev. Mr. Murray with the intimation to him that it will be a source of much gratification to the Board if he can cordially concur in the spirit and intent of the first resolution and will intimate the same to the Board on or before its meeting on June 23rd next ensuing.

Unanimously adopted

27th June. 1888

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Resolved

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27th Sept. 1889

Rev. Mr. J. Clark Murray's letter of Sept. 21st having been again read.—

On consideration of the resolutions of June 5th and June 27th 1888, and of Rev. Mr. Murray's letter of September, and the previous correspondence which had taken place in regard to the matters to which they refer.

It was unanimously resolved.

That the Board very deeply regrets that, notwithstanding the explanations made to Mr. Murray both in the above resolutions and by the committee of this Board, he should express himself in the tone of his letter of September 21st; and that while withholding any expression of willingness to comply with the reasonable wishes of the Board in the future, he should go so far as to threaten to ask "vindication before another tribunal", and this

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when the Board cannot admit that he has any just ground of complaint.

In these circumstances the only course open to the Board, in consistency with the interests of the University and with carrying out its regulations and the obligations into which it has entered is to submit to Mr. Murray the alternative either to withdraw the said letter and to consent to conform to the views of the Governors as expressed in their resolutions of date the 5th June and 27th June last or to place his resignation in the hands of the Board.

The Board further desires to intimate to Mr. Murray that, while bound to maintain the regulations and engagements of the University, in the matter of the separate education of women, it is now as heretofore desirous to treat Mr. Murray with all respect and consideration; and that it will be with the utmost reluctance that the Board will take steps towards his amotion from his Professorship."

Carried

27th Oct. 89

It was resolved

"That the Acting Secretary be authorized to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Murray's letter of date 26th Oct and to state that it is under consideration of the Board.

That the Acting President and the Honble Judge Church be a committee to prepare a reply to the same, to be submitted at an adjourned meeting to be called by the Acting President"

6th Nov. 1888

It was resolved

"That this Board accepts the explanations contained in the letter of Rev J. Clark Murray of date Oct 26th, and receives with satisfaction the withdrawal of his previous letter made therein, and the assurances which he gives for the future."

Carried

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On consideration of the resolutions of June 5th and June 27th 1888, and of Rev. Mr. Murray's letter of September, and the previous correspondence which had taken place in regard to the matters to which they refer.

It was unanimously resolved.

That the Board very deeply regrets that, notwithstanding the explanations made to Mr. Murray both in the above resolutions and by the committee of this Board, he should express himself in the tone of his letter of September 21st; and that while withholding any expression of willingness to comply with the reasonable wishes of the Board in the future, he should go so far as to threaten to ask "vindication before another tribunal", and this

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when the Board cannot admit that he has any just ground of complaint.

In these circumstances the only course open to the Board, in consistency with the interests of the University and with carrying out its regulations and the obligations into which it has entered is to submit to Mr Murray the alternative either to withdraw the said letter and to consent to conform to the views of the Governors as expressed in their resolutions of date the 5th June and 27th June last or to place his resignation in the hands of the Board.

The Board farther desires to intimate to Mr Murray that, while bound to maintain the regulations and engagements of the University, in the matter of the separate education of women, it is now as heretofore desirous to treat Mr Murray with all respect and consideration; and that it will be with the utmost reluctance that the Board will take steps towards his amotion from his Professorship."

Carried

27th Oct. 88

It was resolved

"That the Acting Secretary be authorized to acknowledge receipt of Mr Murray's letter of date 26th Oct and to state that it is under consideration of the Board.

That the Acting President and the Hon.ble Judge Church be a committee to prepare a reply to the same, to be submitted at an adjourned meeting to be called by the Acting President"

6th Nov. 1888

It was resolved

"That this Board accepts the explanations contained in the letter of Rev J Clark Murray of date Oct 26th, and receives with satisfaction the withdrawal of his previous letter made therein, and the assurances which he gives for the future"

Carried

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Re Dr Murray