

(From President Lowell to Hon Robert Bacon)

(Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass)  
October 6, 1915.

Dear Bob:

Acting on your communication over the telephone yesterday that you would guarantee the expenses of continuing the Harvard Surgical Unit in England, which I estimated to be about \$12,000.00, I send you the following more detailed estimate, which Mr. White has prepared this morning. If the Unit were to sail on October 29th, the transportation would cost about \$10 apiece more. If it does not sail until November 12th, it would cost about \$20 apiece less. You will observe that the estimate of expenses for sailing on the twenty-ninth is just over twelve thousand dollars, and this includes all the expenses necessarily incurred on this side of the water. This estimate carries the Unit only to London. From that point I presume the British Government will assume the cost of transportation. We shall endeavor to recruit no one who will not agree to stay as much as six months. You have a feeling that under these circumstances the British Government may be willing to pay the whole or part of the transportation. We should rather leave that for you to arrange with them.

I assume that any uniforms or other equipment to be provided in England will be paid for by the British Government. Perhaps the whole or a part of the present nurses' uniforms can be used. I understand that the three complete sets of surgical instruments which we sent out at our own expense with the first Unit will remain there, and will require no addition.

If you approve of these arrangements and desire us to proceed immediately to carry them out, will you send a check for \$12,093.00 to Mr. White. The amount actually expended may be a little more, or a little less than this. Mr. White will present to you an exact account of the expenditures later. It will save time if you will telegraph when you mail the check.

Very truly yours,

A. Lawrence Lowell.

Hon Robert Bacon.

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Estimate of expense for 66 members  
HARVARD SURGICAL UNIT.

Duffel bags & locks, at \$2	- - - - -	\$132.00
Photos, and passports, at \$3.13	- - - - -	207.00
Printing, cables, telephones and telegrams, postage, express and teaming sundries	- - - - -	258.00
Cash for meals, fares, fees, etc.	- - - - -	<u>250.00</u>
		\$847.00
 Transportation: TUSCANIA, Oct. 29th	-	\$75.70
tax	- - -	5.00
Return in 6 months	- -	85.70
tax	- - -	<u>4.00</u>
		\$170.40
Boston to London - 66 at \$170.40	- - - - -	<u>\$11246.00</u>
TOTAL expense estimated	- - - - -	\$12093.00