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Charles Lang Freer's correspondence with Cameron Currie, 1901-1919

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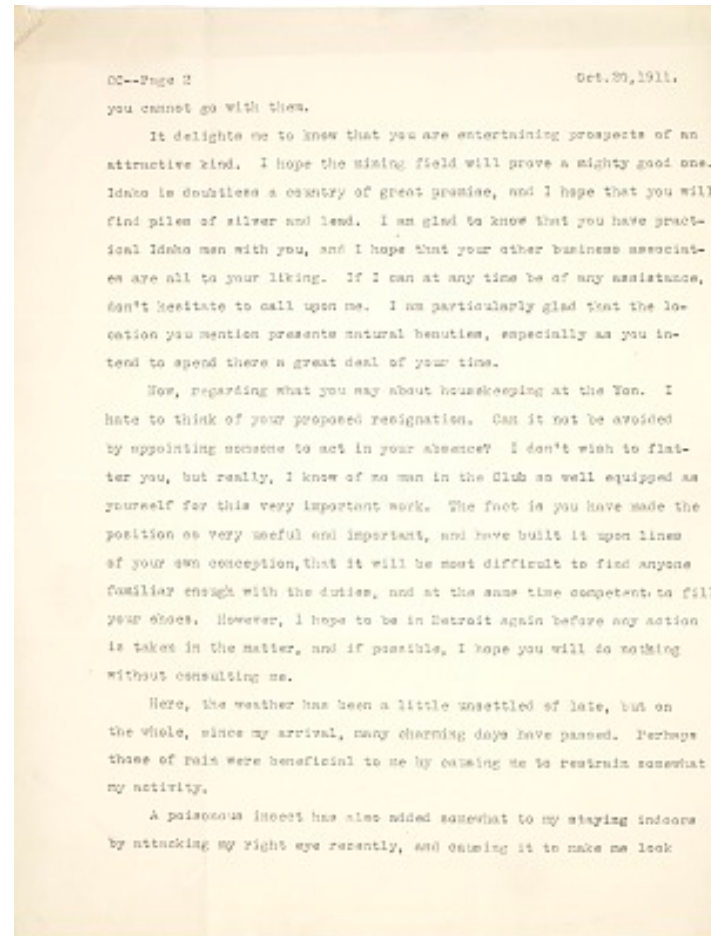
you cannot go with them.

It delights me to know that you are entertaining prospects of an attractive kind. I hope the mining field will prove a mighty good one. Idaho is doubtless a country of great promise, and I hope that you will find piles of silver and lead. I am glad to know that you have practical Idaho men with you, and I hope that your other business associates are all to your liking. If I can at any time be of any assistance, don't hesitate to call upon me. I am particularly glad that the location you mention presents natural beauties, especially as you intend to spend there a great deal of your time.

Now, regarding what you say about housekeeping at the Yon. I hate to think of your proposed resignation. Can it not be avoided by appointing someone to act in your absence? I don't wish to flatter you, but really, I know of no man in the Club so well equipped as yourself for this very important work. The fact is you have made the position so very useful and important, and have built it upon lines of your own conception, that it will be most difficult to find anyone familiar enough with the duties, and at the same time competent to fill your shoes. However, I hope to be in Detroit again before any action is taken in the matter, and if possible, I hope you will do nothing without consulting me.

Here, the weather has been a little unsettled of late, but on the whole, since my arrival, many charming days have passed. Perhaps those of rain were beneficial to me by causing me to restrain somewhat my activity.

A poisonous insect has also added somewhat to my staying indoors by attacking my right eye recently, and causing it to make me look



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