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

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Hotel Gotham  
Fifth Ave. & 55th St.  
New York City.

April 15, 1919.

My dear Cameron:-

Your fine letter dated April 1st. came but acting under the orders of my Doctor, the nurse kept the letter until yesterday when, for the first time, I had news of its presence.. You will see by this short recital of happenings here that the camouflage of the Hotel Statler and the Hotel Gotham, although managed entirely independently, is the outgrowth of the conscientious endeavors of the physicians of both New York and Detroit to do everything in their power to protect me against my old enemy - over exertion both mentally and physically. However, far be it from me to kick against the powers which have always helped me back to my feet.

While you were attempting to get in touch with me in Detroit both Miss Rhoades and myself talked of you frequently and had hoped to have seen both yourself and Mrs. Currie before our departure but, as you doubtless have heard, the set-back to me reflected severely upon Miss Rhoades and we both reached here in a state of semi-exhaustion and found Mrs. Rhoades also seriously ill and, unfortunately she passed on within a short time after our coming. This additional shock made it necessary for Miss Rhoades to be sent to a sanitarium in the southern Catskills but she had the proper amount of grit as you know and is returning here tomorrow but she will not undertake any work or other responsibility until her strength is completely renewed and we are planning to return to Detroit together as soon as we are both fit for the journey, but our stay there will be short and we are hoping to be able to spend the summer in my Berkshire haunts.

Of course, when we arrive in Detroit we shall communicate promptly with you and we shall look forward with delightful anticipation to seeing both Mrs. Currie and yourself. Had I full liberty to dictate as I should like to this would be a very long letter. Full of interesting questions concerning your work in France but it is wiser to wait until I see you and then beware as I shall flood you with questions but I cannot close this letter without congratulating you upon the splendid work you did for our fellows abroad. No one can excel you in the humanitarian field and I can imagine how much you did to help those who could scarcely help themselves, and I want you to accept my thanks for my share of the work you did.

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