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My dear Prof. Fall: I have just returned from a very pleasant and satisfactory visit with Senator Mr. Millanar in his home in this city; the practical results of which are herewith enclosed.

He looked over the plans and specifications together. The possible changes by which the building might be cheapened were pointed out, and so brought within ~~the~~ about \$2,000. of the original amount proposed to be expended.

Mr. Millanar seemed to feel that ^{cheaper} ~~the~~ structure would be satisfactory neither &



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himself nor the trustees nor the college. We then went to his private office, "My den" as he termed it, where he dictated the enclosed, which I forward to you immediately under register.

In the matter of payments; he said he expected to go to Europe in April and would be absent for some months, but that the drafts would be honored in his absence as readily and promptly as though he were at home.

I dreaded, as you know, this long trip, with the attendant's uncertainty of results; but I am now glad I came. Expect to hear



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tonight for Hampton Virginia,
one mile from Fortbus Manor,
where I am to speak tomorrow
night; and will receive enough
compensation to substantially
cover the expenses of the
whole trip.

Friends here want to tele-
graph to Hampton and get a
boat passage in order that
I might speak at quite an
important meeting here tomor-
row night; but I think I will
not consent.

Will leave for home Wednesday
over the Chesapeake & Ohio, ^{via Richmond Va.} the
most direct route; but I cannot
reach Alton before Friday morning



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I nearly forgot to state, and I think it is not mentioned in the Senator's note, that it is distinctly understood, as between Mr. W. Wilson and my self, that the sum named by him viz: \$24,800 is to cover the entire expense of the building and that no bill for extras is to be presented.

As already noted, I will not be able to reach home in time for the trustee meeting; and hence I wish you would emphasize this point before the board.

You are at liberty to read so much of this letter to the trustees as in your judgment is best.

Very sincerely yours
Washington Gardner