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WALLACE COLLECTION
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11 MAR 1939

Sir,

I am ^{informed} with re. to ^{reparation} for the damage done by a woman to a picture in the Nat. Gall. Gallery. The Board in accordance with the line taken by the Nat Gall. Trustees have decided to close the galleries on Thursday there till further notice.

The Board understand that the Trustees of the Nat Gall. have suggested a conference with the necessary ^{steps} to be taken for the security of the pictures under their charge - and I am to suggest that should any such conference ^{be called} take place it might be well that I should attend it on the interest of the Wallace Collection, with a view to taking action similar to that adopted in the case of the Nat Gall.

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THE WALLACE COLLECTION,

MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.

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THE KEEPER.

TRUSTEES OF THE WALLACE COLLECTION,

HERTFORD HOUSE,

MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.

11th March 1914.

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11 MAR 1914

Sir,

I am instructed by the Trustees to inform you that in consequence of the damage done by a woman to a picture in the National Gallery yesterday, the Board, in accordance with the line taken by the National Gallery Trustees, have decided to close the Galleries at Hertford House until further notice.

The Board understand that the Trustees of the National Gallery have suggested a conference with the Treasury of the steps to be taken for the security of the pictures under their charge, and I am to suggest that should any such conference be called it might be well that I should attend it in the interest of the Wallace Collection, with a view to taking action similar to that adopted in the case of the National Gallery.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) D. Macboll,

The Secretary,

H.M. Treasury, S.W.

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Any reply to this letter
should be addressed to—
THE KEEPER.

TRUSTEES OF THE WALLACE COLLECTION,
HERTFORD HOUSE,
MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.

19th March 1914.

Sir,

At a meeting of the Trustees held this morning to discuss measures of precaution in view of the recent suffragist outrage at the National Gallery, they decided that it is essential to the protection of the Collection that two detectives familiar with the appearance of the women chiefly concerned should be stationed in the Entrance Hall with instructions to exclude all suspicious characters. They considered further, that if this step ~~was~~^{were} taken the two Constables in plain clothes at present patrolling the Galleries might be dispensed with.

It is only on these terms that the Trustees can see their way to a partial reopening of the Collection. I am therefore to ask that authority for the slight extra expense may be granted, this expense during the ensuing financial year to be met out of savings on the Vote generally.

It is the desire of the Trustees to reopen the Gallery on Monday next the 23rd instant. May I therefore ask for a reply at your very earliest convenience.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) D. Macboll,

The Secretary,

H.M. Treasury, S.W.

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TREASURY CHAMBERS.

In the reply to this Letter the following Number should be quoted.

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

In reply to Mr. MacColl's letter of the 19th instant (34/14) I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to convey to you Their authority for the temporary employment of two Detectives at Hertford House in place of two Constables in plain clothes at present patrolling the Galleries, on the understanding that the additional cost during both the current and the ensuing financial year can be met from savings on the Vote generally.

My Lords would prefer to limit this authority to a period of six months from the 23rd instant in the first instance, after which the matter can be reconsidered, if necessary.

I am,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. L. Heath

The Trustees of the Wallace Collection,
Hertford House,
Manchester Square, W.

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