

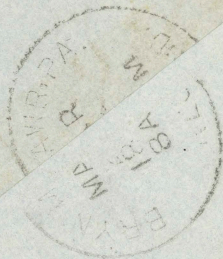
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Dearest Minnie,

I told you last night that I had been thinking over your affairs yesterday when I was not in bed, and this morn I have been doing what I was in bed to do then - good even accounts -

I know there is no risk of your misunderstanding me when I tell you that what I want you to do now is to drop the interest factor - You have used all the arguments that ought to prevail, and it looks as if they would not, and it seems to me the important thing for you to decide about using the lower ones which may produce an effect where the others fail - I should think that you could use Mr. Childs if you chose, getting him to say himself definitely that his interest in

② The College ceases when you leave
it and that he will change his
will — a definite statement of
that sort wd certainly have some
weight with a set of business men
like these, for they certainly would
feel that they ought to think very
seriously before absolutely cutting
off an addition to the endowment
and to the trust whose interests
they have undertaken to guard.

Then about me, I think you could
say that you had told me of the
present condition of affairs (there
is certainly nothing extraordinary
in telling a friend of the possibility
of such a great change in yr. plans)
~~or~~ if you chose you could say you
wd me when I gave you \$2000.
asking yr to spend it in your de-
partment within the next 3
months, as it seemed so im-
probable that yr wd be there
to do it — and that I had

expressed the greatest regret, that 3
I thought no greater misfortune
could befall the cause of higher education
of girls in this country than to
have the policy of Bryn Mawr
changed & that of course it wd
be perfectly clear to every one
who was interested in education-
al matters that your not being
elected as Dr. Howard's successor
meant a change of policy & it
meant nothing else, as the
success under his & your policy
had been so brilliant & solid
that I wd ^{had} ^{wished} to help
the college further, this present
gift being only a beginning; but
that my interest wd of course
cease wholly & entirely when
your connection with it was
severed & it had a place among
the rest of the girls' colleges.
Then you may say, if it seems

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best to be absolutely definite
 that I said I intended, ~~giving next~~
~~year~~ \$1,000 providing you were
 made President; giving you to
 expend, at your sole discretion,
 in the College, \$500, ^{next year} and each
 succeeding year that you remained
 President, in the same way, \$10,000.
 You may not think it necessary to
 state the ^{amount} and I of course should
 prefer not, and I should very much
 prefer to have anything that you
 say regarded as confidential by
 them, but I shall be sublimely satisfied
 to have you use your information
 as seems best - of course taking
 heed with your counsel -
 Also if my mind is not enough,
 I will willingly send you a signed
 formal document - I'd easily
 get H. de H. to draw me up one
 confidential - It wd be very ^{simple} easy,
 the two conditions being easy to state

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I myself, provided 1st that you are
made President, I agree to give
\$5,000 during the scholastic
year 1893-1894 to be expended
at your sole discretion & absolute
discretion 1st in the development
of the English department & then
in the College in general (not
I suppose however, in building?)
and each year thereafter ~~that~~
so long as you continue President
and I ^{live} ~~live~~, \$10,000, on the
same terms —

Of course you see the desirability
of such a provision being regarded
as absolutely confidential, and
I should prefer not stating the
same definitely partly because
I may possibly ^{change my mind} ~~change my mind~~ to make it
\$10,000 next year — It will
depend largely upon whether a
settlement is reached about a

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thing that has been pending for some
time, if it is settled satisfactory
and as I hope it may be, I can't
otherwise not — and in the after
years, I hope I sh'd be able to do
more. But ~~there~~ I did not promise
so this hope is also not between
myself — The \$2000. I want
you to take now for the simple
reason that I think the actual
money will make them believe
much more in my earnestness
than yr. statement that I had
you intended to give it — The
stub (about no. 317 or 312, I think)
is still in my cheque book & Miss
Murphy can fill up a cheque fully
in in the book ^{in yr. personal} clearing off the stubbing
up in the new cheque. If you can
enclose it to me for signature —
I wish I could have said all this to you

instead of writing it. But it was
necessary for me first to go over these
arch carefully - It is detestable
to put it so baldly, but indeed this
is a legitimate use of that
awful power, money, & and you dare
cannot hesitate about it, because
it is one of the very best possible uses
it could be put to and the one
that I must want to put it to,
and if in doing that, it can do
more, you know how happy it would
make me -

The attitude of those men, J. G. & P. G.
(how I hate to have them bear my
name) simply makes my blood boil -
How much more his is the one
before women's position is what
it should be!

I am so sorry for the headache
and that you should have been
unwell for such an evening. Was

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Lump to make you ill again —
But Dr. White has come to give me
electricity in the past time & I must
quit later — Last night I had some pain
than was agreeable & a slight return, but
not slight —

5 P.M. — I was too tired & sleepy after she
left to do anything but try to sleep. But now
feel a little revived, having just had some
of yr. tea — Thanks for forwarding the boxes
parcel wh. arrived this morn'g —

Thank you very much for sending your
father's letter — it is a really lovely one —
I wonder whether your head is still aching
and I wonder whether you will realize
how much I want to see you & talk to
you — and my darling, you will not mis-
understand me in any way — If I could
only be doing something to help you through
this dreadful time instead of being here
as useless as a loaf —

Mamie's letter when father was effecting
all you see & I am so much obliged to her —
I will acknowledge Mr. G.'s in a day or two —
You will let me know of course if you hear
anything about the matter — I might not
write to read you, again — Be in due d

To take our side? I am going to say
goodbye now, as I had such miserable
dreams again all night & am
going to see whether or not writing at night
makes any difference —
Are you not unwell in some? I was
right, Dr. C. says it might not have
been until at least 4 days later, but that
the treatment sometimes has no effect
or may have been responsible —
With much love, my dear one, and
a goodbye kiss even if it is out of the
beginning of twilight,
Love, yours,
Mary D.

I have just done what I very seldom
do, read over this letter, and if I
were not very tired, I should tear it up
and write answer — What I have
suggested, you say in your trustee's
sounds as if I had had the power of
giving some money really made my
opinions of some value — but I do
do not believe you are likely to think
so I will send it with all its faults
and shortcomings — more of me than
I think I'd say if I dared — Please
destroy my yesterday's letter —