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Correspondence Between Governor Baxter and State Library Regarding Collection of Rare Maps and Plans

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BAXTER MAPS

December, 1944.

Ex-Governor Baxter called for and took away with him the RARE MAPS & PLANS, in presence of Miss Stuart and Mr. Rolfe, who assisted in taking maps to Gov. Baxter's car.

September 12

1944

Dear Percy,

I of course deplore the fate which seems certain to deprive the State Library of an item of high value and one which we have held in trust all these years with real pride and care, respecting your wish that we not make public use of the maps. There have been many times when we would have been glad to refer people to them and we do have from time to time students and research workers who prize the opportunity to view such material.

They are right in the vault near the front where those of us on the staff have occasionally looked at them to refresh our memory and knowledge of these beautiful maps. I realize how inadequate are our facilities for display of certain prized items and we have lost certain ones by withdrawal for that reason. I have mentioned this regret of ours in my report which is about to be published. As long as we are without adequate facilities I presume we cannot blame people for removing highly prized items which ought to belong here but if ever the State does provide a dignified set-up for its Library many of these things will be gone.

When you come for the maps could I persuade you to take the box which we have stored for you, containing papers. We want very much to build some shelves in that section of the vault but have hesitated to ask for this space occupied by the box. Now that

papers which I believe you said were personal.

Yes, I think the meeting in Waterville should be a good one. We are all looking forward to it and Mr. Griffeth is so enthusiastic about anything he does I am sure it will be a grand success.

Everything seems to be going along fairly smoothly with one or two major blows mixed in for good measure, just to keep me from being too complacent, one of them being your contemplated removal of those precious maps !

My chief ambition at present is to leave this place without leaving any letterhead bearing my name! I am still using up Henry Dunnack's and we just completed crossing out ^{on} 7,000 letterheads sheets bearing Mr. Hall's name, a line which no longer applies! So much we are doing for the poor tax payers of Maine who still insist we are wasteful.

I shall be glad to see you when you come as I have not had a glimpse all summer.

Sincerely,

PERCIVAL P. BAXTER
PORTLAND, MAINE

September
eleventh
1944

Dear Miss Stuart -

I have had an inquiry in regard to the large volume of "Rare Maps and Plans" now stored in your vault in the State House.

On thinking the matter over I may conclude to sell these maps for I doubt if they will ever be used by the people of Maine. It seems too bad to just have them stored in the vaults of the State House.

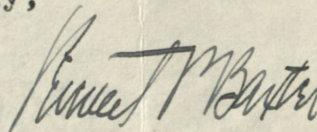
Some time before long I shall be passing through Augusta and suggest that you have the Maps placed where I can obtain them on short notice. May be they are stored in the back of the vault and if you will have them put in a position in the vault where they can be taken by me I will call for them.

I hope that you and all the good people in your Department are well.

Friend Griffeth tells me that there is to be a convention of the Maine Library Association at Waterville before long and no doubt he will make it an interesting meeting. He really takes a very lively interest in Library matters.

With my best wishes to you and your mother.

Sincerely,



To-

Miss Theresa C. Stuart
Librarian Maine State Library
Augusta
Maine.