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Professor George Steindorff,
Walters Art Gallery,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Professor Steindorff:

A few days ago Dr. Ranke told me that you had received permission from Mr. Pitcairn to publish his Egyptian sculpture but had received no reply to the letter requesting permission to send a photographer. I am afraid Mr. Pitcairn does not like to answer letters and I think it remarkable that you have ever heard from him. Under these circumstances I suggest you write to

Miss Freda Pendleton, Librarian
The Academy of the New Church Library,
Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania.

If you could write a letter to Miss Pendleton stating that you knew Mr. Pitcairn was a very busy man and probably did not have time to attend to minor details, she might be able to arrange an appointment. I suggest you make a definite appointment for your photographer in your letter to her approximately two weeks after the time of writing. If you do this she will have a definite appointment with which to approach Mr. Pitcairn and I am sure you will receive a favorable reply. I believe I sent Miss Hill a little information about Pitcairn's sculpture. Unfortunately I am unable to say whether it has been published but I suspect it is probably illustrated or published in some 19th century publication.

Dr. Ranke tells me you need a slide of the Sarcophagus Chamber in the Great Pyramid and I am checking today to see if we have one. If not I shall have one made.

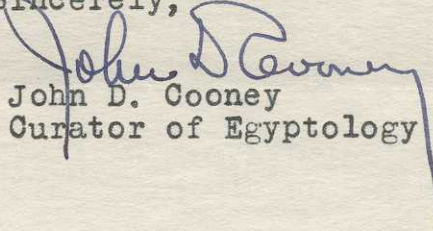
Some time, at your convenience, I wonder if you would mind asking Mr. Ross to show you photographs of the two bronze vessels in the collection of Mr.

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Robert Garrett. You will find negatives in the files of the Walters Gallery. They have Coptic inscriptions which I am unable to read as I have been studying Coptic with Ranke only a few weeks. If they are not too difficult would you mind translating them for me.

With my very best wishes

Sincerely,


John D. Cooney
Curator of Egyptology