Mr Charles Wallace. London 23. July 1771.

Sir.

Capt. Thomas Williamson. I recd a Letter from our J. Davidson of the 21st Inst. informing me of your undertaking the Publick Building, Inclosing a Bill of Exch.e Hon. Courtney on Sr. H. Bigger for £17. 11. 3 your Bearer for 2 square of Slating, 1 Sheet of Lead, 1 cask of Mathematical Instruments & two House carpenters & Joiners. The Bill is good & when due shall be passed to the Credit of an Account that I shall raise against you respecting the Building only. Inclosed you have Bills Lading Bills of Parcels & Invoice of the Sheet Lead & Mathematical Instruments amounting to £16. 6. 11 which hope will please as I was obliged to pay ready Money for them. I mailed on Roger Roberts at Mr. Rofses Timber yard, who would readily have undertaken to put up the Slates but as there was such a number of Sorts & the lengths so variable we thought it the most advisable only to forward you an estimate of the different kinds which you have Inclosed, As for the bone pins he cannot undertake to furnish. I have applied to Mr Crisp to be on the look out for two such Servants as you describe, but am doubtfull that I shall not be able to procure such as will Answer your Purpose without giveing Wages, I assure you that know trouble shall be wanting to effect it. I should be lucky enough to meet with them I will send them in the first Ship to your hands, otherwise I must wait your farther Order before I dare agree to give Wages. The Lead sent you will observe is milled Lead, for Mr Green tells me that it will not turn longer than 8 feet if that length & under will do the price is 10/ or 17/6 ₰ C.t for Money. You will be pleased to observe that the Box of Mathematical Instruments are in a Package W.D.F No 126. what ever is for the Building you will be pleased to give distinct & separate Orders for it will be a means of keeping all your matters clear & you will likewise have it in your power to shew the amount of the materials here furnished at one view. I am with wishes that you may be able to execute the plan undertaken with honour to yourself & to the satisfaction of the Trustees & publick in general

Sir &c.

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Capt. Thomas Williamson. Inclosed you have Invoice & Bills of Parcels of Goods amounting to £15. 16. 0 which hope you will find right & prove satisfactory.