

February 21, 1922.

Dear Miss Morgan :

I think using the same head motif over doors and windows of the sitting room of A as in the central ceiling motif, with small statues (originals plus copies) over the pilasters is quite satisfactory.

I like the way it looks in the sketch very much.

If we can find old columns for the lobby end of this room I would prefer to have old ones.

I like the suggestion of one of the pairs of twisted columns. We have a lot of them, all sizes, some too small and some perhaps too big, but there ought to be some that would fit.

I will send some photographs and dimensions of columns available in the different antique shops of New York. Perhaps you will find something among them. If we do not find anything satisfactory, of course we can reproduce those under the big beam.

That would be quite expensive, however, and of course they would never have quite the interest of old columns. Nevertheless for the sake of harmony it would be better to do this than to have something that does not accord with the general scheme of decorations.

2. I prefer the double grill doors for B rather than the single one, merely because we have double wooden doors already installed.

3. I like the basin for the bathrooms of A that is made by Crane & Co. and I think such basins with gold-plated legs and fittings would be extremely good. I do not remember exactly what the others look like but I do not suppose that they were any better than the Y-803 of which you enclose photographs.

The shower doors are perfectly all right too. I suppose the vented ones are the better.

4. I see no objection to the frieze for Mrs. Hearst's room of which you forward design, and I leave that matter to your judgment entirely. Proceed with this design if you think best and use the other less satisfactory frieze for one of the small rooms if you desire.

That answers I think all the questions in your letters. I would like to say in addition that when we are re-doing the roofs I would like to have iron girders or braces or whatever you call those things, put in in the place of wooden ones. These will support the roofs better, which is desirable on account of the concrete we purpose putting in them, and they will also be fireproof-- which is important.

Miss Julia Morgan--3

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I imagine you will want to order the iron quickly in order to have it ready for the roof changes during the dry weather.

I expect to leave for San Francisco on Sunday, March 5th.

Sincerely,

W R Hearst