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ARTHUR BYNE
CALLE DE BONANOVA, 67
EL TERRENO
PALMA DE MALLORCA

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(until March 1st)

January 12th, 1926

William Randolph Hearst, Esq.
238 William Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Hearst;

My agent entrusted with the shipment of the Monastery informs me that the 791 cases comprising the first shipment has arrived at the port of Valencia and that it is very probably that the lot will be embarked sometime within the next ten days. So as to avoid any unpleasant surprises I have asked him to present me in advance a copy of his bill (even if not quite complete). You will recall from a former letter of mine that his charges commenced with the loading of the stone on the train and are to be paid on the arrival of the shipment in New York. The bill is as follows;

Pesetas	15,015	--	freight Peñafiel to Valencia
"	1,839	--	loading on cars at Peñafiel
"	1,500	--	expenses of his crew at Peñafiel
"	750	--	gratification to station-master
"	1,750	--	Insurance
"	5,852	--	Ocean freight (38 pts. a ton)
"	2,500	--	His commission as agent
"	<u>29,206</u>		

This amounts to about \$4,175, which I think is very reasonable for transporting 154 tons of stone from the north of Spain to New York. There will be a few extra charges in Valencia but nothing of any importance. If the bill to be paid in New York varies materially from the above account let me know immediately.

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I am sending a copy of this letter to Miss Morgan for her information and which, in the event of your being in California, she may show you.

We are now working very hard dismantling the cloister which I hope to have boxed and ready for carting to the railroad once the roads are passable (probably not before the end of April). In view of this may I ask you now to kindly send a draft of \$10,000 so that I may count on it by the 15th of March. A draft sent through the National City Bank to me care of their subsidiary, The International Banking Corporation, of Madrid, is the cheapest and most practical way of sending the money.

Miss Morgan once mentioned your having interest in a second cloister. I enclose snapshots (very poor as it was pouring at the time) of a beautiful one, pure 13th century, Cistercian. The capitals and columns in this instance are better preserved, than the one we are sending, furthermore the cloister is of one period. On the other hand the vaulting is not comparable, nor is there a Chapter House (which is the glory of Sacramenia). In connection with the cloister of which I am sending photographs here (which we will designate CISTURCIAN) there is a beautiful 16th century Plateresque upper gallery. Up to the present I have not been able to secure even an approximate price but it can be bought.

Very truly yours,



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" 1,839	--	loading on cars at Penafiel
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P.S. The shipping papers I have sent to your Secretary in New York, Mr. Willicombe. I did this for I did not wish to mention your name in the matter. Mr. Willicombe can arrange with your broker or agent for the storage or destination of the stone and also the payment of the charges.