

7/17/44

RIP. F.

8625-

November 26, 1943.

My dear Sir Layton,

The Prime Minister has brought me your very delightful letter of November 1st and I hasten to assure you that I feel greatly honored in accepting the invitation to become an honorary member of Gray's Inn.

xPP77683
x48

xPP711-2

This I shall treasure all my life and I shall greatly hope to be with you all at a Gray's Inn luncheon or dinner when it becomes possible for me to go to London.

I trust that soon after the war the work of rehabilitation will go rapidly forward. I am thankful that the walls are standing and that the beams and wood-work can be faithfully reproduced. I have a recollection that at the dinner in 1918 the Lord Chief Justice next to whom I sat insisted on my taking vast quantities of vintage pepper. I hope that some of it may have escaped the destruction.

xPP71-A

With my sincere regards,

Faithfully yours,

FDR

Sir H. Lyndon Macaskie,
Gray's Inn,
London, W.C.I.

x48-A

(Nicholas Lechmere C. Macaskie, Esq.
is the correct name.)

x4

Miss Turner
says this is all
to be filed
now - E.B.
(Incorrect)

(Incorrect)

EXCERPT OF LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM HON. WINSTON S.
CHURCHILL, DATED 8-14-43:

Mr. President.

1. Would you kindly send a two line message of thanks to Nicholas Macaskie saying you were glad to hear from the Treasurer and Masters of Gray's Inn, and that you had not forgotten your dinner with him in 1918, or words to that effect.

W.S.C.

TELEPHONE
CHANCERY 8591.
TELEGRAMS
GRAIENSIS, LONDON.

PENSION CHAMBER,
GRAY'S INN,
W. C. 1.

1st November, 1943.

Dear Mr. President,

My fellow Benchers and I were most gratified to know from your letter of August 15th last that you still recollect, as the Prime Minister and we recollect, your speech in the Hall of Gray's Inn in the summer of 1918. That memory is now the only personal bond between the Inn and yourself. It is the wish of the Bench of Gray's Inn, if possible, to forge a closer bond and the Bench desire me to ask whether you would be prepared to accept an invitation to become an honorary member of our Bench.

You are aware that the Prime Minister is already such a member and from the enclosed list of our Benchers you will see the company you are asked to join.

It has been the practice of all the four Inns of Court to elect as honorary Benchers persons of high distinction, some of whom have, like your self, practised at one time at the Bar and others of whom have no connection with the law. The King, I may mention, is a Bencher of the Inner Temple.

We hope that you will allow us to pay you the tribute we paid to Mr. Churchill. The reasons inspiring our tribute are the same. We trust that companionship with Mr. Churchill in the Hall of Gray's Inn will be as agreeable to you as your

file
*miniature
sent there is no
reply Aug. 15th
return 7*

TELEPHONE
CHANCERY 8591.
TELEGRAMS
GRAIENSIS, LONDON.

PENSION CHAMBER,
GRAY'S INN,
W. C. 1.

1st November, 1943.

Dear Mr. President,

My fellow Benchers and I were most gratified to know from your letter of August 15th last that you still recollect, as the Prime Minister and we recollect, your speech in the Hall of Gray's Inn in the summer of 1918. That memory is now the only personal bond between the Inn and yourself. It is the wish of the Bench of Gray's Inn, if possible, to forge a closer bond and the Bench desire me to ask whether you would be prepared to accept an invitation to become an honorary member of our Bench.

You are aware that the Prime Minister is already such a member and from the enclosed list of our Benchers you will see the company you are asked to join.

It has been the practice of all the four Inns of Court to elect as honorary Benchers persons of high distinction, some of whom have, like your self, practised at one time at the Bar and others of whom have no connection with the law. The King, I may mention, is a Bencher of the Inner Temple.

We hope that you will allow us to pay you the tribute we paid to Mr. Churchill. The reasons inspiring our tribute are the same. We trust that companionship with Mr. Churchill in the Hall of Gray's Inn will be as agreeable to you as your

unique comradeship with him has been and is, fortunate for civilisation.

Mr. Churchill will have told you that only the bare walls of our ancient Hall are still standing, but we look forward to the day when we can rebuild and restore what the enemy has destroyed.

You will be able from the prints in the enclosed booklet to revive your recollection of the Hall in which you spoke in 1918 and to see the state to which enemy action has now put it.

I need not say how proud and gratified we shall be to hear that you are prepared to accept our invitation.

With my most respectful regards,

I am very sincerely yours,

H. L. Macaskie

Treasurer.

The President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington.

TELEPHONE
CHANCERY 8591.
TELEGRAMS
GRAIENSIS, LONDON.

file

PENSION CHAMBER,
GRAY'S INN,
W. C. 1.

15
15th December, 1943.

Dear Mr President.

I was more gratified than I can say to receive your letter of the 26th of November telling me that you were willing to accept the invitation of The Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn to become an Honorary Benchers of our Society.

I have the honour to inform you that at a Pension held this evening you were unanimously elected a Master of the Bench.

By accepting our invitation, Mr. President, you have conferred an honour on our Inn which will live in the memory of your fellow Benchers and be treasured by their successors and, may I add in all sincerity, still further strengthened the chain which you have forged, binding our two countries together.

We look forward with lively anticipation to the honour of entertaining you at Gray's Inn. The sooner the better and it will not be for lack of diligent enquiry by us that we fail to be informed of your movements. The vintage pepper shall deserve its name.

Yours sincerely
H. L. Macaskie

The President of the United States of America.

MASTERS OF THE BENCH OF GRAY'S INN

1943

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, <i>K.G., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., G.M.B.</i>	..	St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
THE RIGHT HON. WINSTON CHURCHILL, <i>C.H., M.P.</i> (<i>The Prime Minister</i>) (Honorary)	..	10, Downing Street, S.W.1.
THE RIGHT HON. WILLIAM MORRIS HUGHES, <i>C.H., K.C., M.P.</i> [Australia] (Honorary)		43, Nelson Road, Lindfield, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.
THE RIGHT HON. LORD CLYDE (Honorary)		Briglands, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross-shire.
SIR MILES MATTINSON, <i>K.C.</i> (Dean of the Chapel)	..	Monk's Path, Warwick's Bench, Guildford, Surrey.
THE RIGHT HON. LORD ATKIN, <i>D.C.L., LL.D., F.B.A.</i> (<i>A Lord of Appeal in Ordinary</i>)	..	26, Roehampton Close, S.W.15.
THE RIGHT HON. LORD FAIRFIELD (<i>Formerly a Lord Justice of Appeal</i>)		Fairfield House, Croft Drive East, Caldy, Cheshire.
HIS HONOUR CHARLES HERBERT-SMITH, <i>LL.D.</i>		10, Albemarle Road, Norwich.
THE RIGHT HON. SIR LYMAN POORE DUFF, <i>G.C.M.G.</i> (<i>Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada</i>) (Honorary)	..	488, Wilbrod Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
SIR CECIL WALSH, <i>K.C.</i>		North Seat, Sea View, Isle of Wight.
THE RIGHT HON. LORD THANKERTON (<i>A Lord of Appeal in Ordinary</i>) (Honorary)		132, Oakwood Court, Kensington, W.14.
THE RIGHT HON. VISCOUNT GREENWOOD, <i>LL.D., K.C.</i>	..	52, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1, and 47, Kingston House, Princes Gate, S.W.7.
SIR COURTHOPE WILSON, <i>K.C.</i> (<i>Formerly Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster</i>)		68, Chandos Avenue, Whetstone, N.20.
BERNARD CAMPION, <i>Esq., K.C.</i>		Gray's Inn, W.C.1.
THE RIGHT HON. LORD MORISON (<i>Formerly a Judge of the Court of Session in Scotland</i>)		Keir Mains, Dunblane, Perthshire.
THE HON. SIR AUGUSTUS ANDREWES UTHWATT (<i>A Justice of the High Court</i>)	..	Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, W.C.2, and Ankerwycke Priory, Wraysbury, Middlesex.
THE HON. SIR MALCOLM HILBERY (<i>Master of the Walks</i>) (<i>A Justice of the High Court</i>)		Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, W.C.2.
NOEL MIDDLETON, <i>Esq., K.C.</i>		7, King's Bench Walk, Temple, E.C.4, and 153, Sussex Gardens, Hyde Park, W.2.
NICHOLAS LECHMERE CUNNINGHAM MACASKIE, <i>Esq., K.C. (Treasurer)</i> (Master of the Common Room) (<i>Recorder of Sheffield</i>)	..	2, Temple Gardens, Temple, E.C.4, and 27, Kensington Square, W.8.
WILLIAM TREVOR WATSON, <i>Esq., K.C.</i>		1, Gray's Inn Square, W.C.1, and 83, Neville Court, St. John's Wood, N.W.8.
THE HON. SIR HAROLD DERBYSHIRE, <i>M.C.</i> (<i>Chief Justice, Calcutta High Court</i>)		High Court, Calcutta, India.
SIR ALBION RICHARDSON, <i>C.B.E., K.C.</i> (<i>Master of the Moots</i>) (<i>Recorder of Nottingham</i>)		3 (South), King's Bench Walk, Temple, E.C.4.
ROBERT WARDEN LEE, <i>Esq., D.C.L., F.B.A.</i> (<i>Rhodes Professor of Roman-Dutch Law in the University of Oxford</i>)		2, Hare Court, Temple, E.C.4, and Westbury Lodge, Norham Road, Oxford.
HUBERT JOSEPH WALLINGTON, <i>Esq., K.C.</i> (<i>Master of the Library</i>) (<i>Recorder of Birmingham</i>)		Clifford's Inn, E.C.4, and 64, Oakwood Court, Kensington, W.14.
THE VERY REV. WALTER ROBERT MATTHEWS, <i>K.C.V.O., D.D.</i> (<i>Dean of St. Paul's</i>) (Honorary)	..	The Deanery, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C.4.
THE RIGHT HON. SIR SHADI LAL (Honorary)		Lahore, India.
THE RIGHT HON. ROBERT GORDON MENZIES, <i>K.C., M.P.</i> [Australia] (Honorary)	..	10, Howard Street, Kew, Victoria, Australia.
ARNOLD DUNCAN McNAIR, <i>Esq., LL.D., C.B.E., F.B.A.</i> (<i>Vice-Chancellor, University of Liverpool</i>)	..	The University, Liverpool.
SIR DAVID MAXWELL FYFE, <i>K.C., M.P.</i> (<i>Solicitor-General</i>)		Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, W.C.2, and 43, Wynnstay Gardens, W.8.
ARTHUR STRETTELL COMYNS CARR, <i>Esq., K.C.</i>	..	1, Temple Gardens, Temple, E.C.4, and 13, Highgate West Hill, N.6.
WILLIAM LENNOX McNAIR, <i>Esq.</i>		130, Court Lane, Dulwich Village, S.E.21.
FREDERIC AKED SELLERS, <i>Esq., M.C., K.C.</i> (<i>Recorder of Bolton</i>)		Goldsmith Buildings, Temple, E.C.4, and Highwood Lodge, Highwood Hill, Mill Hill, N.W.7.
HENRY WILLIAM BARNARD, <i>Esq., K.C.</i>		13, King's Bench Walk, Temple, E.C.4.
HARTLEY WILLIAM SHAWCROSS, <i>Esq., K.C.</i> (<i>Regional Commissioner for Civil Defence, N.W. Area</i>) (<i>Recorder of Salford</i>)		Heyescroft, Palatine Road, Manchester 20, and Chantry House, Horsham, Sussex.
THE RIGHT HON. SIR ANDREW DUNCAN, <i>G.B.E., LL.D., M.P.</i> (<i>Minister of Supply</i>)	..	11, Tothill Street, S.W.1.
SIR BERTRAND WATSON (<i>Chief Metropolitan Magistrate</i>)		Kenbrook, Fitzroy Park, N.6.
JOHN LEONARD STONE, <i>Esq., O.B.E.</i>		4, New Square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.2, and 40, Leonard Court, High Street, Kensington, W.8.



GRAY'S INN
—
LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1941



TREASURER

MASTER THE HON. MR. JUSTICE HILBERY

MENU

Oysters
Smoked Salmon

Tomato Soup

Roast Partridge

Apple Tart
Fruit Jellies

Coffee

Sherry, Pale
Claret, Château Latour, 1928
Port, Cockburn, 1912

TOASTS

1. THE KING

Proposed by THE TREASURER

2. THE QUEEN, QUEEN MARY AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

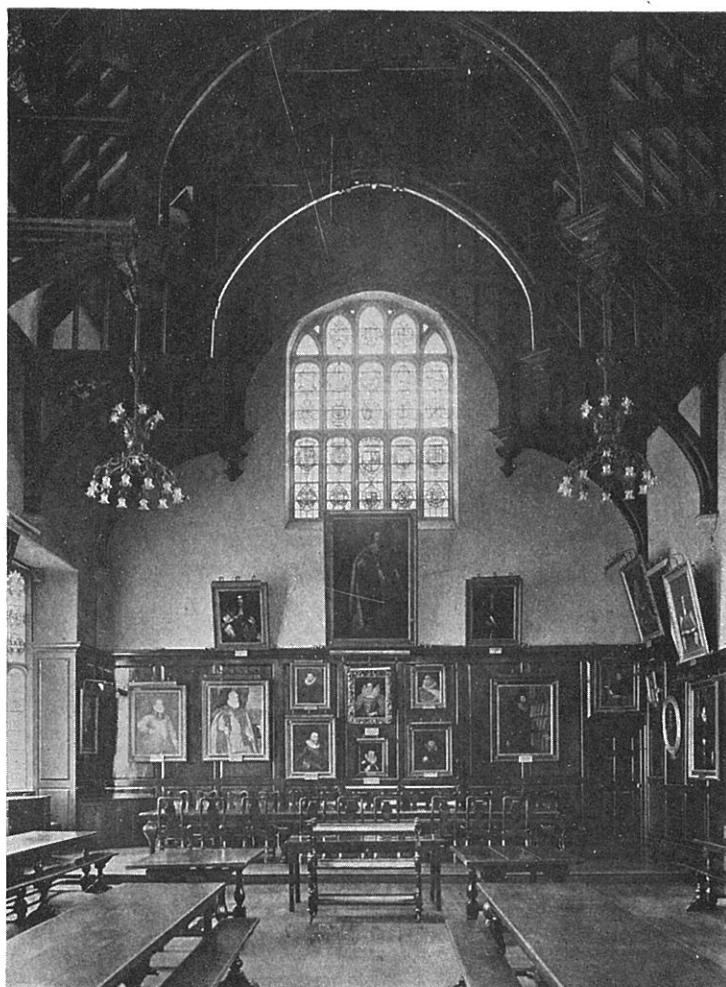
Proposed by THE TREASURER

3. DOMUS

Proposed by THE TREASURER

4. THE GUESTS

Proposed by THE TREASURER



1559 to May 10, 1941



*Reproduced by kind permission of
The Sport & General Press Agency Ltd.*

May 10, 1941 to—

THE GUESTS

HIS EXCELLENCY THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR
(*Baron E. de Cartier de Marchienne, G.C.V.O., G.B.E.*)

HIS EXCELLENCY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR
(*M. I. M. Maisky*)

HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
(*Mr. J. G. Winant*)

THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD CHANCELLOR
(*Viscount Simon, G.C.V.O., G.C.S.I.*)

THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR
(*Lieut-Col. Sir John Laurie, T.D.*)

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET SIR DUDLEY POUND,
G.C.B., G.C.V.O., R.N.

FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN DILL, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR CHARLES PORTAL, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

THE TREASURER OF THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN'S INN
(*Sir Herbert Cunliffe, K.C.*)

THE TREASURER OF THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF
THE INNER TEMPLE
(*Mr. T. Hollis Walker, C.M.G., K.C.*)

THE TREASURER OF THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF
THE MIDDLE TEMPLE
(*Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C.*)

MR. F. CLIFTON HILBERY

The following Masters of the Bench were present:—

THE TREASURER (*Master The Hon. Mr. Justice Hilbery*)

SIR MILES MATTINSON, K.C.

SIR MONTAGU SHARPE, K.C.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD THANKERTON

THE RIGHT HON. VISCOUNT GREENWOOD, K.C.

BERNARD CAMPION, K.C.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE ANDREWES UTHWATT

NOEL MIDDLETON, K.C.

N. L. C. MACASKIE, K.C.

SIR ALBION RICHARDSON, C.B.E., K.C.

R. WARDEN LEE

H. J. WALLINGTON, K.C.

THE VERY REV. W. R. MATTHEWS, K.C.V.O., D.D.

D. P. MAXWELL FYFE, K.C., M.P.

A. S. COMYNS CARR, K.C.

W. L. MCNAIR

F. A. SELLERS, M.C., K.C.

H. W. BARNARD, K.C.

H. W. SHAWCROSS, K.C.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR ANDREW DUNCAN, G.B.E., M.P.
with

THE UNDER-TREASURER (*S. W. Bunning*)

The following Barristers of the Society were present:—

HUGH-JONES, W., K.C.	WATSON, J. BERTRAND
LONDON, SIR STANFORD, C.B.E.	THOMAS, C. W.
HYNES, T.	BATT, W. E., C.M.G.
FARLEIGH, E. A.	DAWSON, G. L.
KOE, D. L. F.	THOMAS, A. E. W., D.S.O., M.C.
PURCELL, J. P.	BLACKHAM, MAJOR-GENERAL
HOBDAY, S. R.	R. J., C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O.
BYCKMORE, H. C.	DIAMOND, A. S., M.M.
HARRIS, E. H.	WATSON, W. E.
WERNINCK, F. C. WYNN	MUSTOE, N. E.
BRUCE, E.	PATERSON, F. G.
POYSER, SIR KENNETH, D.S.O.	STONE, J. L.
JAMESON, T.	SALT, H. E.
GRAZEBROOK, H. B. D., K.C.	MARLOW, G. S. W.
DELL, T.	HUGHES, HECTOR, K.C.
CROASDELL, W. C.	HOPKIN, D., M.C.
ISDELL-CARPENTER, C. H., O.B.E.	ARCHER, K. M. M., M.B.E.
MOODY, G. T.	NASH, N. E. K.
DRAPER, L.	CAMERON, SIR JOHN, BART.
CROUCH, J. L.	TERRELL, G.
BALL, SIR JOSEPH, K.B.E.	WATSON, A. AIKEN
LESSER, H.	VANDERMMIN, C.
STONEBRIDGE, J. B.	COWPER, F. H.
LOSEBY, C. E., M.C.	SOUTHALL, T. F.
STEIN, H. K.	

E.P.F.

8625

January 31, 1944.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Thank you very much for your
note enclosing the letter from Sir
Augustus Uthwatt to you. I have shown
it to the President and he was delighted
to see it.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

C. F. Palmer, Esq., x4844
Palmer Building, xPP71394
Atlanta, Georgia.

C. F. PALMER
PALMER BUILDING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 26, 1944

Dear Miss Tully:

On the remote chance
the Masters of the Bench of
Gray's Inn, London, did not
send the President a picture of
its bomb damage, one is enclosed
with copy of recent letter from
Sir Augustus Uthwatt.

The President may be
pleased by the compliments
Sir Augustus showers upon him.

With personal best
wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



C. F. Palmer

Miss Grace Tully
The White House
Washington, D. C.

COPY

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London W. C. 2

My Dear Palmer,

The outstanding event with us at Gray's Inn this year - and indeed I think in any year - is that your President has become an Honorary Bencher of our Inn. We are immensely bucked. Winston Churchill is one of our Benchers and it is a great thing to have on our Bench the two leaders in this fight between the Christian religion and Nordic Paganism. Roosevelt's association with our Inn goes back to 1917-1918 when he made a speech in our Hall and he had a lively recollection of the occasion; and in his correspondence with us he recalled one of our domestic jokes on the matter of vintage pepper!

You will recollect lunching with me at Gray's Inn - or the remains of it. I don't know whether you have preserved any of the literature I then gave you. But here are pictures of the Hall as it was and is and a list of our Benchers whom the President is joining. (Who knows how and when we can rebuild - but we are going to restore this old hall or die in our tracks.)

My only personal news is that the Government have promised to bring out a White Paper on my Cee's report early next year. I'll send you a copy.

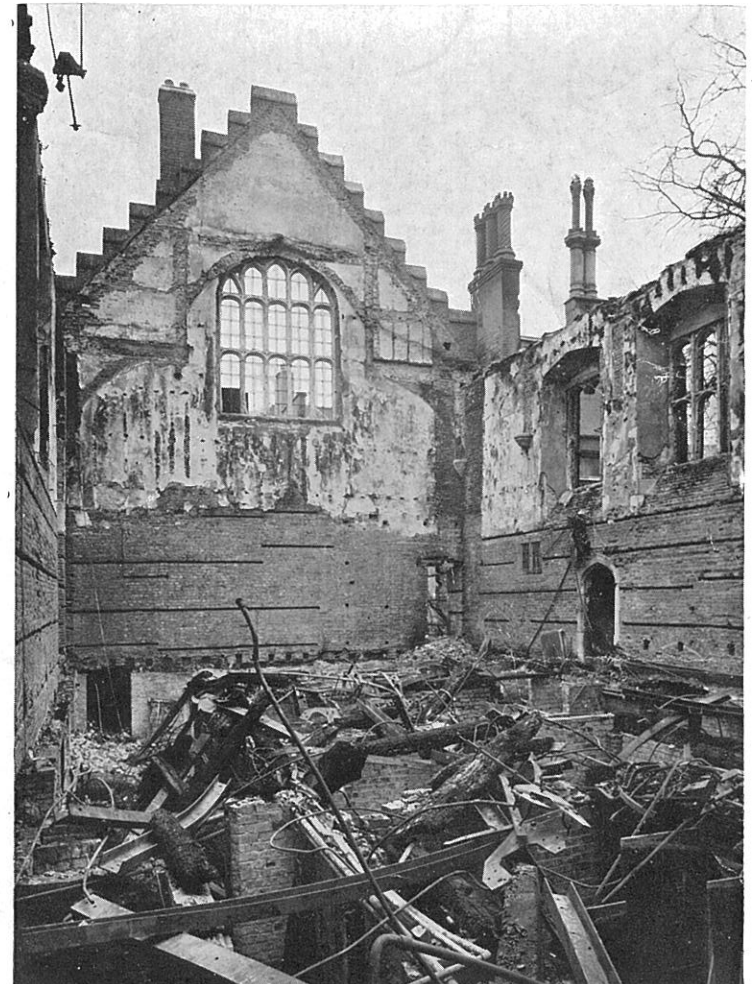
My wife joins with me in wishing Mrs. Palmer and yourself a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

A. Andrewes Uthwatt



1559 to May 10, 1941



*Reproduced by kind permission of
The Sport & General Press Agency Ltd.*

May 10, 1941 to —