

From: Richard Kahn <[REDACTED]>
To: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Library
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2015 12:19:54 +0000

Please advise on timing for Brandon to leave Lsj as it appears you may be there soon.

Photos supposedly lunch time today and we must decide game plan for mold.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Brandon Thompson <[REDACTED]>
Date: April 24, 2015 at 8:06:12 AM EDT
To: Richard Kahn <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Library

Dear Mr. Kahn,

One thing I have to tell you is that I missed my studio. As you remember with the Library in NY. I had to change the method of re-finishing it, just because it was better treatment. I did not even brought this to your attention for I had everything readily available in NY. St. Thomas is not the case. It took me two or even three days to recognize the real problem; molds and fungi in the woods. I also specialize in wood conservation and for me to ignore the problem is like driving through the red lights. If you make this decision for me and tell me, skip this part and start finishing only, I will do this. But please wait for the photos and decide at lunch. What I am afraid of now is that if Dry Rot will set in, it will be extremely difficult to eradicate it and treat it. Apart from this, we made fair progress with preparing the Library to finish. Another very important aspect of this restoration is accommodating the present conditions and finding appropriate method of restoration not only to finish it well but at the same time to prevent bad things to happen in the future. This will include practical solutions as well.

Brandon

On Fri, Apr 24, 2015 at 7:32 AM, Brandon Thompson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Mr. Kahn,

The problem with mold is pretty severe. I have the photos, but I can not send them to you, as I am not able to transfer them from my camera to the computer. I will ask Anna tomorrow, so two of us will come with some solution.

Brandon

PS I will try to send them to you at lunch time.

On Thu, Apr 23, 2015 at 8:25 AM, Richard Kahn <richardkahn12@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you for update. You promised pictures yesterday. Can you please send today.

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> On Apr 22, 2015, at 9:27 PM, Brandon Thompson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> Dear Mr. Kahn,

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> I will send you an update each day from now on. We are working on the horizontal surfaces now and the moldings.

> The Library never reached its full potential in terms of design. As I mentioned before, it was finished with liming-wax and with time, many parts became purple. I stipulated several reasons, one of them was the use of improper wax.

> The wax reacted with white pigment and turned light looking surfaces into purple. The other factor was the mold and the fungi. We have thousands little spots on the woodwork. which we are trying to eliminate.

> I decided to change the design in the Library and to make it alive. I will use matt surfaces against shiny ones. rough surfaces against very smooth. I also intend to extend the design of the Turtle-shell decorations to unite or tie it together on the cabinet doors and secretary`s lids. . Since the woodwork is so much darker on the base, I am not going to fight it. I will give a 6" strip of Turtle-shell decoration on the floor to make sharper contrast between the floor and the Oak woodwork. I will have much, much more work, but I hope will meet with an approval of Mr. Epstein.

> I already have vision of final decoration in mind. It took me a little while, but from now on we will zoom for the final results.

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> Kindly,

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> Brandon