

the case of the Libraries belonging to some other of the City Companies.  
 Mr. Baragis advises that a formal application should be made to the  
 Chairman of the City Library Committee, this was done by Letter dated  
 May 6<sup>th</sup>. In reply Mr. Baragis wrote: I am directed to inform you that  
 the Library Committee will be pleased to accept the custody of the  
 "Library referred to"

On May 8<sup>th</sup> a Letter was addressed to Mr. Child, Mr. Matthew's  
 Trustee, enquiring (1) What price was asked for the collection (2) How  
 long a time could be assigned for the offer to remain open?

On May 10<sup>th</sup> Mr. Child wrote stating that he and his Co-Trustee  
 required not less than £4000 for the works set forth in the catalogue  
 supplied. That this offer could remain open for two months and asking  
 if the Musicians Company would be willing to meet the Trustees over  
 the daily expenses incurred in keeping the Library open amounting to  
 £6 a month

A copy of this letter was communicated to the members of the  
 Committee and one was sent to Sir Homewood Crawford then in  
 Italy. A telegram was received from him in which Mr. Ernest Cooper  
 the acting Master agreed saying that as £2500 was fixed by the  
 experts who had examined the Catalogue unless the Trustees were  
 willing to treat on some such basis it was useless to negotiate further.

This decision was communicated to Mr. Child by Letter of May 14<sup>th</sup>  
 And it was added that the Committee could not entertain any question of a  
 payment for expenses until the Library was removed as had been asked

On May 17<sup>th</sup> Mr. Child wrote: The difference in the figures being  
 so great the Trustees Committee have decided that the Library shall be  
 offered at auction unless between now and the auction an offer of not

less than £1000

The receipt

May 17<sup>th</sup> who

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On May 20<sup>th</sup>

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Mr. Hill

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