

the use of that Regiment.

The Court trusts that the Instruments may be found of service to the guard and that the admirable organisation for the training of Volunteers in the city which your Lordship has done so much to stimulate may continue permanently as a body for the national defence of this country.

The only stipulation which the Court desires to make in the event of the City of London National Guard deciding to accept this offer is that if (which the Court trusts may not be the case) it should prove necessary in the future to disband the Regiment or to discontinue its Flute Band, the instruments in their then state may be returned to the keeping of this guild.

I am, my Lord Mayor,

Your faithful servant

(signed) C. L. Collard

Master.

The Right Honourable

The Lord Mayor.

The Mansion House, London &c.

8th November 1915

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The Worshipful Company of Musicians.

Clerks Office,

16 Berners Street W

My dear Sir,

Your letter dated the 30th of October duly reached me through Sir Ernest Clarke, and the reason why it has not been answered before is that I was most anxious to convey to you a full expression of gratitude, not only from myself as President and Honorary Regimental Commandant of the City of London National Guard, but from my Grand Committee also. A Meeting of this latter Committee was held on Thursday last the 4th inst, when your letter was duly read and it now gives me great pleasure to convey to you on behalf of myself and the Corps