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37, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2.

16th. Decr. 1922.

Dear Sirs,

Mr. de Laszlo's studio.

We have your letter of the 14th. December.

Mr. de Laszlo will agree the accounts in the manner proposed by you if you will reduce them by the sum of £325. He will immediately send you a cheque for £750 on account, but the balance he declines to pay until the cracks in the walls have been put right. This work must be thoroughly well done.

You say it is not worth while discussing the matter and yet you go into a long discussion which necessitates our saying that we think Mr. de Laszlo's claim with regard to the floor is overwhelmingly justified, and that the course which was taken was to us perfectly astounding.

As soon as the cracks have been put right, we should be glad to have Mr. Cooper's account.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES RUSSELL & CO.

Messrs. Cooper Bake Roche & Fettes,
6 and 7 Portman Street,
Oxford Street, W.1.

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December 14th. 1922.

Messrs. Charles Russell & Co.
37, Norfolk Street,
Strand, W.C12

Dear Sirs,

Mr. de Laszlo's studio.

We have seen our client Mr. Edwin Cooper, also Mr. Webster on the subject of our interview with Sir Charles Russell on the 11th. inst. and are desired to say that they are prepared to adopt the course suggested, namely to reduce the amount payable by Mr. de Laszlo by the sum of £325 this to settle all outstanding points on the final account in respect of the building and reducing the amount to £1034.16. 2.

We feel sure you will appreciate that in agreeing to this settlement both Mr. Cooper and Mr. Webster are actuated by a desire for settlement in an amicable way without admitting that the claims put forward in Mr. Horser's letter are justified. Under the circumstances it is not necessary that we should further discuss them except with regard to the floor of the studio as to which we feel bound to say that having carefully considered the whole matter we have advised Mr. Cooper the course taken by him was fully justified bearing in mind the difficult position in which he was placed owing to the absence of Mr. de Laszlo and the importance of completing the studio in readiness for his return. From our considerable experience of Mr. Cooper and his work

we may add that we have always been very much impressed by his anxiety to spare no effort in the interests of his clients, and we are convinced, and are sure you will recognise, that the course taken by him was actuated by no other desire, although it is of course much to be regretted that Mr. de Laszlo was not completely satisfied.

We suggest that the simplest way to dispose of the builder's account will be by your sending to us or to Mr. Cooper a cheque for £1034.16. 2 which will be disposed of accordingly and their receipt sent to you, and we will ask Mr. Cooper to get out his own account and forward it to you or to Mr. de Laszlo as you may wish.

Yours faithfully,

COOPER BAKE & CO.