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November 26, 1945

Ambrose S. Higgins, A. I. A.
Bar Harbor, Maine

Re: St. Thomas' Church
Camden, Maine

Dear Sir:

As a result of our examination of St. Thomas' Church on October 23rd, we are of the opinion that the following work is necessary to be done to the above building in order to arrest the progressive damage being wrought by the conditions of weather:

Front elevation -

- Remove all existing cast stone trim and replace with limestone.
- Cut out all granite ashlar joints and properly repoint.
- Protect large Gothic window.
- Install new flashings where needed and repair existing flashings.

Tower, all four sides -

- Take down and rebuild complete from bottom of watertable at bell deck.
- Remove all existing cast stone trim and replace with limestone.
- Cut out all granite ashlar joints and properly repoint.
- Install new flashings where needed and repair existing flashings.

A quantity survey was taken from plans now on file at the office of Joseph F. Carew, Inc. No drawings of the tower were available in this set, therefore we obtained quantities for the tower as best we could from snapshots taken at the building.

We believe that it will cost \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 to accomplish this work in first class manner, exclusive of the cost of the limestone. This price contemplates increasing the height of the tower about six feet.

It is probable that at some future time it will be necessary to replace all the cast stone. However, due to the favorable exposure of the other three elevations and the protection afforded by the eaves overhang no work is required in these locations now.

Very truly yours,

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by *James M. Walsh*

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December 26, 1945

Ambrose S. Higgins, A. I. A.
Bar Harbor, Maine

Re: St. Thomas' Church
Camden, Maine

Dear Sir:

We have found it difficult to give you the information in the form requested in your letter of November 29, 1945. In trying to divide the basic price in this manner several items in the original price would not be covered in the new divisions and, further, not knowing which items would be selected it would be necessary to carry fixed charges and overhead for each item thereby duplicating costs.

We have elected, therefore, to give you an idea of the savings to be made if certain parts of the work were omitted. In these cases the deductions to be made are from the original basic estimate of cost given to you in our letter of November 26, 1945, and are as follows:

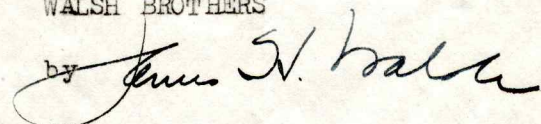
1. Omit raising of tower six feet\$6,000.00
2. Omit taking down tower to watertable at bell deck,
rebuilding, and replacing of tower tracery..... 3,000.00
3. Omit replacing the tower cast stone with limestone as is,
cutting out ashlar joints and repointing..... 5,000.00

In no case have we included the cost of furnishing the limestone.

Very truly yours,

WALSH BROTHERS

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St. Thomas Church

JOSEPH F. CAREW, INC.

FREESTONE. LIMESTONE. MARBLE. BLUESTONE

11 GERARD STREET

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TELEPHONE HIGHLANDS 3460

BOSTON, 19, MASS. March 12, 1948.

Mr. Ambrose S. Higgins & Associates,
200 Main Street,
Bar Harbor, Maine.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of March 5th, we have furnished the limestone for the front elevation and tower for the repairs to St. Thomas Church, Camden, Maine, which is as far as we were ordered to go, and for which we have received our money in full.

Trusting this is the information desired, we are,

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH F. CAREW INC.

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BY *J. C. Cross*

St. Thomas' Church

THE RECTORY
SAINT THOMAS CHURCH
CAMDEN, MAINE

April 2nd, 1948.

Mr. Ambrose S. Higgins,
200 Main Street,
Bar Harbor, Maine.

My dear Ambrose:-

Your letter of March 26th, in re of the total cost of material and labor in connection with the recent new stonework, was recently received. In as much as the work is not yet complete, I shall be glad to present your letter to the vestry at their very next meeting.

Personally, I was not a little surprised to get your request, and regardless of the vestry, it is entirely out of my province as Rector. But I was personally responsible for the vestry having an architect at all for this job, and I had suggested it to them to give you the privilege of advising on this work because I felt that the cost was definitely poor judgment, in an otherwise commendable piece of work. I was jealous of the good name of our architects, and felt that you would welcome the opportunity of see that errors were corrected properly.

Then too, your drawings had been delayed so long, that the final cost of the stone was considerably higher than the original figure. Even when the drawings were completed and the stone was here, it grieved me to see the number of days in which the men had to do work on the ground, to have the stones fit. There is even stone which will never be able to be used in the work, and the stone people cannot take them back, of course.

In all I am most disappointed, and am trying hard to convince myself of the moral right of additional remuneration. I do hope that I might have word from you before the vestry meeting, and that you will understand my concern in writing to you.

Many thanks for the Diocesan Seal drawings. I have not yet been able to have the colored canvassers done, but am happy to have it thus far. I know the Bishop will be grateful as I am, for the many who are giving of their time and effort in this project to obtain and preserve the chairs of the first Bishop of Maine.

Faithfully yours,

William E. Berger
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