

Letter from Jules Allard to Mr. Goëlet, hotel Bristol, Paris
Paris, October 22d, 1883

Dear Sir,

Tomorrow, Tuesday, the last crate containing the whole ceiling and all the paneling of the Louis 14th salon will be sealed ; It will contain the chimney frame which is so beautiful, so well-made now that it has been gilded that I would have liked to show it to you before your departure. Therefore it would be very nice to inform me, by a note left with the porter, if you would have the possibility to come by today after 2 pm or tomorrow after 2:30 pm, in which case I would order the packing of that box to stop until after your arrival.

I retained freight on the first transatlantic liner which leaves next Saturday. The crates will therefore be in New York on the 10th or the 12th of November, together with my workmen who leave by the same boat. I thank you to inform your staff in New York of this arrival.

I made provision with my agent for the customs charges relative to these crates, so that he will be able to cover himself his customs agent at New York, which will thus clear customs duties upon the arrival of the merchandise, without any waste of time.

It would be very kind, Sir, if no inconvenience to you, to make available to me on your check, as is customary, the second third of our deal, or 56000 francs.

As for the balance of customs charges I will not ask you to cover them until we have together established the definitive sum. The major thing, which was to cover the agent in New York, being handled.

Yours sincerely,
Jules Allard