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Dear Cleland, South Africa House.

Thank you for your letter of the 8th July.

From the report which I am sending to the High Commissioner for transmission to South Africa you will see that we have settled the question of the inscriptions, and too, that of the flagstaffs, with which I hope you and Staten will not too much disagree. It seems to me such a happy solution of the Coats of Arms, to have the Union Jack to put the Royal Arms ~~or those of the United Kingdom under,~~ which we could not have done on the front portico.

I am delighted to hear about the Verdite. I am not certain from your letter whether the three ^{slabs} are each 2'6" x 2'6" x 3" thick. I think this will be too precious to put on the floor and I propose either using it on the wall or, if I can, to make a table out of it. A green table seen against the white marble wall with perhaps some gilt on the legs would be a very beautiful thing and should advertise the Verdite. This answer covers your note to Scott on the same subject.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert Baker

I have had 3 good meetings with the H.C on the decoration and at one

X of it all. even the winged sphinx - At demurred at first
"povant" that he is! I hope you. Water will like the idea!
Think it had 1 man cables on. H

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Patrick's curtain was present: he approved