

November 26, 1945

Mr. George A. Levy
Anderson, Clayton & Co.
P. O. Box 1415
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Dear Mr. Levy:

Since our conversation with you several weeks ago in regard to the renting of the sixth floor by Anderson, Clayton & Co., I have delayed writing because of several adjustments which had to be made and which would in the end affect considerably the lessees in the building and especially the lease held by Anderson, Clayton & Co.

I am attaching a copy of my letter to Mr. Troutman, in which we refer to the state-owned building at 223 Walton Street. This state-owned building was completely renovated to the extent of some \$40,000 by Mr. Bob Johnson, the then president of the Campbell Coal Company, and he put in the very best hardwood floors, hardwood trimming, hardware, and up-to-date heating plant then possible to secure.

It seems now, with the limited allotment of money allowed us by the Board of Regents, and after a consultation with the present architect and builders, we will have to use the space now occupied by Anderson, Clayton & Co. A delay in receiving building materials from army sources, which are now the only available sources of such material, has seemingly hindered student occupancy of the Ivy Street building until at least the last of January or the first of February.

December 1 is the deadline for any automobiles or trucks to use the ramps, the public having already been denied use for more than two weeks. This matter alone is certainly to infringe on the proper use of the building by your employees. Also, the anticipated development of the roof above you would more than be a complete nuisance, and may be a hazard to your business affairs. It is also contemplated that your space be occupied by the library and part of it for recreational purposes.

The biggest fear those of us have who are entrusted with the life and limb of several thousand students is the constant hazard of fire with so much cotton involved, as is the case with Anderson, Clayton & Co.

Medical men, moreover, brought to our attention the fact that lint from cotton being hauled in the passenger elevator is not conducive to the best health of young people, and especially returned veterans, half of whom are recovered from some ailment affecting their respiratory organs.

We would like to have occupancy as soon as the student body moves into the building, since immediately students and parents would begin to petition us because of the fire hazard and health impairment imposed on the students occupying the building in such masses as are contemplated in our enrollment as we move into the new building.

Please be assured that we wish to do everything possible not to disrupt your business, but our responsibility as imposed on us by the State is for us primarily to serve these students whose safety and health has been entrusted to us, as well as their education, and for which we are chiefly responsible.

Cordially yours

GEO. M. SPARKS
Director

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