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Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
January 3rd, 1915.

Mr. John Burke,  
Treasurer of the United States,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Burke:- In view of the cordial and practical interest which you took in the Woodbury County Court House and the situation as it stood at the time I was in Washington, I am sure you will glad to know that all aspects of this case came to a final hearing on December 6th.

The Commissioners reviewed the entire case with great care, received the several reports of the Citizens' Committee, and took final action by standing absolutely behind us in everything that had been done. They approved unanimously the general scheme in all its details and ordered the continuation of the work.

It is a very interesting coincidence that your letter to Mr. Steele arrived while the Board was in session. Mr. Steele reports that he was very much gratified and that the Commissioners were pleased that this matter should have found your attention. Your work as Governor of North Dakota is pretty well known up and down the Mississippi Valley and evidence of your interest is all that is required to secure serious consideration.

As I told you, if I had not felt that this matter was broader and deeper than the mere incidents involved in the construction of a moderate sized court house in a small city, no matter how important to ourselves, I would not have presumed to have taken your time. I hope you will continue to watch the development of organic architecture in this country with especial interest.

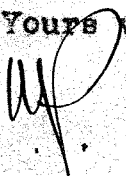
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December 27th, 1915.

Will you accept with my compliments a copy of the Western Architect which I am enclosing under separate cover? This number was devoted entirely to our own work and what I want to particularly call your attention to is the series of letters beginning on Page 3, and the quotations under the text. I think you will find these very interesting reading and believe they will give you a view of architecture that will increase your pleasure in modern building.

With my kind regards to Mrs. Burke and to young Mr. Burke, your Secretary, and the Season's cordial greetings to yourself, I remain,

Yours very cordially,

A handwritten signature, likely of the sender, is written below the closing. It consists of a stylized, cursive 'M' followed by a large, sweeping loop that extends upwards and to the right.