

THOMAS DIXON
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1507 Hillsboro St.,

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Dear Mr. Weathers:-

Thank you for your letter of Nov. 30th. Wanted to answer it sooner but Mr. Dixon has had a particularly bad time - He is much better today and I'm sure he is going to be all right.

Thank you, too, for your interest and the time you took to write to the Charlotte Observer. I'm sure it would be well worth consideration.

I will be glad to do the work you ask for the paintings - just as soon as possible - I will have to sketch through the books. I thought the title of each book & scene of the subject of each painting was present on the back of each canvas - ~~I will~~ also try to

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have the ones in Cleveland sent
to you. It may take some persuasion.
I know my sister treasures them - I
feel so indebted to her for her
loyalty & help through all the years of
Mr. Dixon's long illness - that I rather
hesitate to ask the favor - but I
will undertake it. I would like
the collection to be as nice as possible -
If you'll notice most of the paintings
you have depict scenes of violence -
the ones in Cleveland are just
the opposite. Lovely portraits of different
heroines - a courtship scene from
The Leopard Spots & the burial of
the robes from The Clausener - the
best ones, in fact - I know they
would add a great deal.

Before I close, Mr. Weathers -
I would like to ask your advice

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on a matter that has been on my mind for a long time. It is about Mr. Dixon's burial. He has a plot here where Mrs. Dixon is buried - I bought a very nice bronze plate for it & a marker for her grave - but I would like to have him buried in Shelby. It seems to me that would be the proper place. What do you think of it? And could you get the information for me of about what the cost of it would be? Mr.

Dixon carries no insurance - He sold what he had years ago when ^{he} was having such difficulties in New York. He has about \$400.00 due him on his Civil Service Retirement - I have requested them in Washington to hold it until his death - as it draws a small interest - and I've known I would need it for that purpose. I know it is not enough but

Maybe some arrangement could be made
whereby I could pay the balance ^{later} - if no
money comes in before his death. Of course
if I sell his biography I could manage
it all at once. Mr. Dyson wouldn't want
an elaborate funeral. Neither one of us
believe in it - Of course - he may
live for many more years. if it were
not too selfish I would say - I sincerely
hope so - for I shall miss him terribly -
but for his own sake I know it would be
a release & a blessing - I do want
him to have a worthy burial. Here
in Raleigh he is quite forgotten - Many
people think he is already dead - since
he has not been seen about for nearly
four years. Some day, too, after he has
passed - I think I could raise a fund for
a simple but lasting memorial - a plaque or
monument & I would like it to be
in Shelby instead of Raleigh. Will ^{you} be
so kind as to give the matter a little thought
and let me know exactly how you
feel about it? I will be deeply
grateful - With kindest regards,
Sincerely, Mr. Thomas Dyson

P.S. It might be right to have Mrs. Dyson's body exhumed & buried
beside him - that could be worked out later.