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GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH SALE OF
CERTAIN TIMBER ON COLLEGE PROPERTY AS RECOMMENDED BY
THE STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
Richmond

May 21, 1965

THE RECTOR AND VISITORS, COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY:

Pursuant to letter under date of May 13, 1965, from Dr. Davis Y. Paschall, President of the College, advising of action taken at your meeting on May 8, 1965, authorization is hereby granted to proceed with the sale of certain timber on College property as recommended by the State Division of Forestry due to infestation in the area by the Southern Pine Beetle.

It is further understood that the proceeds of the sale shall be deposited to the credit of the College for capital improvements under the provisions of Chapter 233 of the 1956 Acts of Assembly.

/s/ A. S. Harrison, Jr.
Governor

/s/ L. M. Kuhn
Director of the Budget

cc: Dr. Davis Y. Paschall
Honorable Sidney C. Day, Jr.
State Comptroller

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May 13, 1965

Honorable Albertis S. Harrison, Jr.
Governor of Virginia
State Capitol
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Governor Harrison:

Upon our recent discovery that the Southern Pine Beetle has infested a considerable area of pine trees on College property, we contacted the State Division of Forestry and requested a survey to determine the extent of the infestation, and recommendations as to action that should be taken.

Representatives of the Division of Forestry have reported serious infestation and recommended considerable cutting in terms of a survey presented to the College. We are informed that unless this is done we will suffer an extensive loss of timber, and be faced with a fire hazard requiring the removal of dead trees at considerable expense.

This matter was reported to the Board of Visitors at its meeting on May 8, 1965, and I was requested to seek your authorization to proceed with the sale and cutting of the timber under the provisions of Chapter 233, Acts of Assembly 1956 (pages 251 and 252) quoted as follows:

An Act to authorize the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary in Virginia to sell certain timber and to appropriate the proceeds from such sales.

Approved March 5, 1956

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary in Virginia is hereby authorized to cut, sell and convey, subject to the approval of the Governor, the timber standing and growing on the property owned by said College in the City of Williamsburg and the adjoining counties.
2. The proceeds of sale are hereby appropriated to the College of William and Mary in Virginia to be used for capital improvements as the Board of Visitors, with approval of the Governor, may direct.

It is understood that the College will follow the recommendations of the Division of Forestry in preparation for bids, or sale by public auction, and it is further understood that the proceeds will be held for capital improvements by the Board of Visitors, the specific use of which will be subsequently delineated by the Board and your approval sought for such use.

Your favorable consideration of this matter is respectfully requested in order that we may dispose of the infested, and potentially infected timber, as possible, and, at the same time, conserve the College woods to the best advantage.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
/s/
Davis Y. Paschall
President

nso Mr. R. T. English, Jr.
Dean W. Melville Jones

May 17, 1965

Mr. Ernest W. Goodrich
Surry, Virginia

Dear Ernest:

I appreciate so much your helpful letter of May 13, 1965, and I am grateful to you for taking the time and effort to come to the College and personally inspect the timber area involved in our discussion for sale and cutting.

You have an excellent knowledge of timber, and the fact that you, together with the two State foresters, Mr. English, and Mr. Farmer, could inspect this timber personally means a great deal to our assurance in moving ahead with its disposal.

I have noted your particular suggestions in reference to any specifications to be drawn in regard to the size of the hardwood and also the location of the mill, and the use of a chipper or the requirement that slab wood be removed from the premises. We shall do our very best to have these points respected in the specifications.

Again thanking you for the time and effort which you took in this matter, and I am deeply grateful for the same.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
/s/
Davis Y. Paschall
President

cc: Mr. R. T. English, Jr.

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ERNEST W. GOODRICH
Attorney-at-Law
SURRY, VIRGINIA

May 13, 1965

Dr. Davis Y. Paschall, President
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear 'Pat':

At your request I went on the College property located on the west side of Lake Matoaka with two State foresters and Mr. English on Tuesday to look at the timber recommended by the Forestry Department for cutting.

After viewing this property, I am very definitely of the opinion that the recommendation of the Forestry Department should be followed and the timber be cut as they have suggested.

The area which they have recommended for cutting showed on the map which you have, in green, consists of a mixture of pine and hardwood. They have recommended that pine 7.5 inches d.b. h. and hardwood 9.5 inches d. b. h. be cut. Looking at this matter strictly from a commercial point of view, the pine should be cut because it is infested with the pine beetle to a rather serious degree and it is mature timber which will not grow any more. The large hardwood should also be cut during this same operation because it is mature and, while it is not dying as is the pine, it is not growing at a profitable rate.

From an aesthetic point of view, the removal of the pine will not, in my opinion, adversely affect the beauty of the tract. I say this because the pine is short leaf and spruce pine and is not really very pretty, and I know of nothing that looks any worse than dead pine. The removal of the large hardwood will not adversely affect the beauty of the forest because there is a large quantity of small hardwood that will remain and they will grow more rapidly. I believe that, three years after the cutting, a person going through the woods would think they were prettier than they are at the present time.

I suggest that you talk with the Forestry Department regarding the size of the hardwood to be cut to 12 inches. This will certainly save all of the young growing hardwood that will make the forest attractive and will eliminate the possibility that the purchaser might get a market for the hardwood between 9.5 inches and 12 inches for pulpwood. Ordinarily the hardwood would not be cut below 12 inches.

I would suggest also that in the specifications it be set out that in the event the purchaser places a mill on the premises it be put at a location which would detract the least from the property. In other words, a sawdust pile is a rather unsightly thing and actually should be completely out of view.

In addition, if the man who buys the timber does not have a chipper, he should be required to remove from the premises all of the slab wood, because slab wood scattered through the forest would make it rather unsightly for several years.

With regard to the second tract which I looked at which is primarily pine, there is heavy beetle infestation and, if it is as bad as I believe it is, it might be wise to clear-cut this whole area and replant it. The Forestry Department will be able to advise you, however, better than I with regard to this.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,
/s/ Ernest W. Goodrich
Ernest W. Goodrich

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TIMBER BID OPENING

2:00 P.M.

July 8, 1965

NAME	BASE BID	
J. N. Richardson & Son Williamsburg, Virginia	\$35,501.55	\$1,775.08 (Certified Check)
Sheldon Lumber Company, Inc. Wesley E. Sheldon Toano, Virginia	\$32,500.00	\$1,750.00 (Certified Check)
S. V. Camp, III Courtland, Virginia	\$31,065.00	\$2,000.00 (Certified Check)
D. W. Ware, Pulpwood Supplier, Inc. West Point, Virginia	\$29,650.00	\$1,482.50 (Certified Check)
Parrish Lumber Company, Inc. Cologne, Virginia	\$27,219.24	\$1,360.96 (Certified Check)