

Thanks MaryGrace. I'm out of town. I'll circle back at the end of the week. Tracey.

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 12:30:41 PM
To: Tracey Todd <ttodd@historiccharleston.org>
Subject: J. Gough Secretary Update

Hi Tracey,

I wanted to update you on two things, first being that we found a stirrup in the second drawer on the bottom half of the wardrobe. Since this piece is traveling back to you at the end of the year, can I leave it as is? Or I can see about having it packed and shipped to you sooner.

Second, while unpacking and doing the condition report I noticed the top/crown portion on the proper left side, a section of the molding has separated/is not sitting flush and stable. Do you have an outgoing condition report for the Secretary before it left Charleston? Hoping to confirm/deny that this was the state it left you or if it was damaged during transit.

Thanks so much!

MaryGrace

Regarding condition of the
loaned Gough secretary.

Hi MaryGrace,

Valerie and I have reviewed our photos and notes from the pickup of the Gough secretary. We have photos but they are not detailed enough to show the corner with the separated molding. Since our photos do not show that the molding was not separated, we do not think it would be appropriate to hold the shipper responsible. Likely a small change in temperature or small vibration caused the separation. We believe this will be an easy fix once we get it back in Charleston next year. Thanks for bringing it to our attention and we are making note of the condition.

Regarding the stirrup, it was in that drawer when HCF purchased the piece and it's never been removed. Please just leave it as you found it.

Thank you very much,

Tracey

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