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RE: Repairs and Proposed Demolition of Non-historic Addition
The Muster Grounds and Retirement, 702 Colonial Road, Abingdon, Washington County
Easement File No. 140-0006_ep

Ms. Rosebaum ~

Thank you for submitting information regarding the proposed demolition of the non-historic rear addition at the Retirement, located in Abingdon. This submission was received electronically on October 24, 2017, with additional information sent electronically on January 22, 2018. The proposed scope of work includes repairs to the wood porch columns, windows, and porch floor; installation of gutters and downspouts; and the removal of the rear non-historic addition. As you are aware, the Virginia Board of Historic Resources holds an historic preservation easement on the property, which requires any proposed alterations receive prior written approval from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR).

After careful review, our office concluded the proposed scope of work for the Retirement appears consistent with the easement provisions and the *Standards for Rehabilitation*, and is, therefore, approved, provided the following conditions are met:

1. Columns
As much as possible, existing columns should be repaired. Where repair is not possible, replacement using in-kind material (not fiberglass or other substitute material) is permitted.
2. Window Sash
All window sash should be repaired. Where repair is not possible, please provide photographic documentation supporting this condition to DHR for review and approval prior to proceeding with replacement.

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3. Window Sill

All windowsills should be repaired. Where repair is not possible, replacement using in-kind material is permitted.

4. Demolition of Rear Non-historic Addition

The demolition is approved in concept, however additional details are necessary before the work can proceed. What is the condition where the addition meets the main house? How are the two connected? What is the proposed means/method of demolition? How will the remaining historic building fabric be protected? What will happen to this portion of the property following demolition?

This approval is valid for a year from the date of this letter. Please submit the additional information requested at your convenience. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,



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