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My dear Dr. Morris

Thank you for yours of 13th. I am glad to know that I am thought of, altho' I am sorry that Hunter should have been the occasion of your turning to me. It is not a matter to worry you. That sh. only be the case when there is no remedy. The expenses of the Hospital can be reduced without difficulty and the Board has in it many men who know how to keep their own expenses within their means & certainly they can apply their every day principles in the administration of the Hospital. About the pictures of the Bishops there was a time when the propriety of providing them might have been questioned but that is now past. When the Board determined to order them, it did what seemed wise to them, and whilst it wd. have been better had the income been equal to cover them, that not being so, the cost is properly paid out of capital, just as the cost of the Building was and possibly, at least we may hope so, the countenances of those good men who devoted their lives to the service of their master may have a happy influence on some of the thousands who will look upon them as they hang upon our walls.

However our work should be done systematically and our expenses ought to be confined within our income. Under present circumstances I would advise a special committee of five to appoint the Committee at Wards consist of Godfrey, Cope, Miller, Brown & Pepper to harmonize the expenses & income.