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Lance Mallamo
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Dear Lance,

It looks like our shared dream of preserving 517 Prince Street is nearly done. We are scheduled to close on the property on June 29th, bringing a year-long endeavor to completion. Thank you for connecting us with Mr. Reeder, and pointing out that this is the least altered 18th century structure in the City. It was exciting to work with you to uncover the fascinating history of this property as the livery stable and home/office for Patrick Murray from 1772 to 1794.

As you know, Mr. Reeder will live in the house and continue to be a good steward of this historic resource. We will have the property, including the exterior open space, which NOVA Parks intends to maintain as open space, open to the public a number of times a year for special events. In the longer term, when the property is vacant, I look forward to working with you on programming opportunities. Collectively, I am sure we can find some engaging and innovative ways to utilize this property and enhance the historic interpretation in the City with this great asset.

Mr. Reeder is quite a collector and trader in antiques. When he passes, that collection will come to NOVA Parks. As we do with our collections at the Carlyle House, we will need to evaluate what items serve the interpretation of the house, and what items should be considered for deaccession. When that time comes, this may be another opportunity for us to work together, and see if there are items that would help your properties with their interpretation.

With the Carlyle House's acquisition and restoration by NOVA Parks 47 years ago, we have been in a long-term partnership with the Office of Historic Alexandria as we pursue parallel and complementary efforts. With the acquisition of Murray's Livery, this partnership between OHA and NOVA Parks will be even stronger.

Best wishes,

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