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Messrs. Alderton & Shrewsbury

Gentlemen,

I write regarding your bill for the Kitchen range, without prejudice, to say that I cannot consent to the large amount charged for the removal of the range. Your estimate was already a very high one, being more than £ 22. 8. 6. beyond the usual price for such a stove together with its appurtenances.

Certainly you were bound to make the stove answer its purpose, which it did not do, & in consequence we were obliged to build a kitchen expressly for the stove to secure a proper current of air. Now I am quite willing as a gratuity to share the expense of removal with you, & to pay fifteen pounds on the £29. 6. 7 (!) charged on this account. And I consider this to be a very liberal allowance. On having your answer I shall act accordingly –

I remain gentlemen Yrs in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

P.S. Besides the £4.15.1 belonging to the estimate which you are willing to cut off there is a charge of £6.4.6 for fresh making the Hot closet. There must be some mistake there also.