## Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Worcester:

The President read the following letter written to Mr. Charles H. Worcester, which he was empowered to write by the Board of Trustees in their meeting of November 26, 1946, and which conforms to the authority given him by the Trustees:

## February 3, 1947

Dear Mr. Worcester:

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees held in The Art Institute of Chicago on November 26th, 1946, I was authorized to write you in connection with the acceptance by the Board of Trustees of the generous gift that you and Mrs. Worcester are making as an addition to the Charles H. and Mary F. S. Worcester Collection of the Art Institute.

The Art Institute of Chicago will not remove from your home, at this time or during the life of either you or Mrs. Worcester, any of the Works of Art you have given to The Art Institute of Chicago, except as you and Mrs. Worcester may want to have them

removed from time to time. The Board of Trustees has, therefore, authorized me to say to you that The Art Institute of Chicago is entirely willing and agreeable to leave such of the Works of Art described in Schedules I and II of your Deed of Gift, now located in your residence at 1323 North State Parkway, in your possession at your residence, with the understanding and agreement that you will give these Works of Art the same care and protection which you have given them heretofore during the period they belonged to you, and that The Art Institute of Chicago may make frequent inspections of them, giving them such attention as may be needed and furnishing the help to handle the Works of Art, should they be rehung or rearranged; all without cost to you or Mrs. Worcester.

From this date The Art Institute of Chicago will carry insurance on all objects included in this gift against all risks specified in the regular Fine Arts Policy under which you have previously insured these works and as they may be revalued from time to time in the name of The Art Institute of Chicago, as owner, and it is understood that neither you nor Mrs. Worcester assumes or will be liable for any loss or damage from fire, theft, or other cause.

With reference to the Works of Art included in your Deed of Gift, which are now in possession of The Art Institute of Chicago on loan, and which you are now giving to The Art Institute of Chicago (being those Works of Art included in Schedule I of your Deed of Gift), we assure you that you may have any one or more of them upon loan for use in your residence at any time hereafter, upon application by you or Mrs. Worcester to the Director.

The Board, in expressing its gratitude to you and Mrs. Worcester for your gifts, wishes me to reiterate its satisfaction in the terms hereby agreed upon.

Yours sincerely,

/s/Chauncey McCormick
President, Board of Trustees
The Art Institute of Chicago

Approved and accepted by Charles H. Worcester, February 10, 1947

Upon motion of Mr. Hamill, seconded by Mr. Brewster, and duly carried, it was voted that, as this letter written by the President was authorized by the Trustees and expresses their opinions on this very generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. Worcester, it be spread on the minutes of this meeting. The Director stated that this is a unique gift to a museum in that the collection was made with the idea of filling in the gaps in the Art Institute's Painting Department, and he also expressed his very great pleasure in having been associated with Mr. and Mrs. Worcester in this connection. Mr. Worcester spoke, stating that without Mrs. Worcester's assistance this collection could not have been made and that it had been formed with the intention of eventually being made a part of the Art Institute. The letter from Mr. Worcester accompanying the Deed of Gift, the Deed of Gift itself, and the list of paintings and other objects of art, are given in full as follows:

February 4, 1947

Mr. Chauncey McCormick, President The Art Institute of Chicago Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. McCormick:

It is Mrs. Worcester's and my wish to present to the Art Institute of Chicago certain paintings and other objects of art, to be added to the Charles H. and Mary F. S. Worcester Collection.

The items to comprise the gift are detailed in the executed Deed of Gift which is sent to you herewith in duplicate. After approval of this gift by the Art Institute of Chicago, please indicate acceptance on one of the copies and return it for my file.

## Sincerely yours,

# /s/Charles H. Worcester

THIS DEED OF GIFT made on this 10th day of February, 1947, by CHARLES H. WORCESTER and MARY F. S. WORCESTER, his wife, both of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois,

## WITNESSETH

THAT, WHEREAS, for many years we have made gifts of securities and paintings to THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO, most of which are included in the collection known as the "CHARLES H. AND MARY F. S. WORCESTER COLLECTION"; and,

WHEREAS, we own a number of paintings and other objects of art, which are now in the possession of THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO for exhibition upon loan, and we also own and have in our possession other paintings and objects of art, now located at our residence at 1323 North State Parkway, in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, many of the said paintings and other objects of art, both those on loan and those located in our residence, are worthy of being made a part of said "CHARLES H. AND MARY F. S. WORCESTER COLLECTION"; and,

WHEREAS, we desire to make completed gifts of certain of our aforesaid paintings and objects of art to be added to said "CHARLES H. AND MARY F. S. WORCESTER COLLECTION" for the ultimate enjoyment thereof by the public generally when the same shall be exhibited:

NOW, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PREMISES and of our desire to increase the said "CHARLES H. AND MARY F. S. WORCESTER COLLECTION," we do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, convey and deliver unto THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO the following:

- 1. The several items of paintings and other objects of art belonging to us or to either of us, now in possession of THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO and held there upon loan, which are listed and described upon the schedule attached hereto and made part hereof, entitled "SCHEDULE No. I."
- 2. The several items of paintings and other objects of art belonging to us or either of us, now located in our residence at 1323 North State Parkway, in the City of Chicago, which are listed and described upon the schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof, entitled "SCHEDULE No. II."

For the purpose of greater certainty in identifying said gift, we direct THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO, as soon as convenient after the date of this Deed of Gift, to cause each of said paintings and objects of art which are listed in the above described Schedules Nos. I and II hereto attached to be plainly marked and identified by attaching thereto a label reading in substantially the following form: "Property of The Art Institute of Chicago, gift of Charles H. and Mary F. S. Worcester, as a part of the Worcester Collection."

WITNESS our hands and seals on the year and day first above written.

/s/Charles H. Worcester (SEAL) /s/Mary F. S. Worcester (SEAL)

## SCHEDULE No. I

### Title

Two Orientals
Funeral of St. Florian
Chastisement of Love
Flight into Egypt
St. John the Baptist & Catherine
St. Jerome
Breton Landscape
Member of Welser Family
Christ Under Cross
Vestibule
Saxon Courtier
Crucifixion
Christ (torso) limestone

### Artist

Bellini
Master of Krainburg Altar
Caravaggio
Schiavone
Veneziano
Veronese
Gauguin
Hans Maler
Hans Maler
Bonnard
Schaffner
Cranach
German XV Century

#### SCHEDULE No. II

#### Title

Portrait of Lady Helen Boyle Girl with Dog Self Portrait; also book Marriage of Peleus and Thetis Antonio Zantani

#### Artist

Raeburn Pietro Longhi Grunewald Rubens Tintoretto

## SCHEDULE No. II (continued)

## Title

The Princesses The Fairies Vision of Life Ballet Dancer Madonna and Child Coast of Cornwall Ballet Dancers Interior - Seated Woman Lady at Window Small Reclining Nude Church Spanish Ships Sarah Bernhardt in Cafe de la Paix Girl with Bonnet Boats in Winter Quarters Sewing on the Lawn The Laundress Landscape Paysage en Provence Woman Seated on Sofa The Green Sash Turn in the Road Pencil Drawing The Bathers Woman Eating Fruit The Blue Madonna Portrait of Young Man Crucifixion Head of Girl Rommelpot Player Woman Sitting on Bed Madonna and Child (2) Carnival Scenes Portrait of Lady (Jesus Bearing the Cross (Master of Hillponstein Legend Nude - etching Woman with Necklace Reclining Girl Nude Standing on One Leg Watching the Dancers Duck Pond Mother and Child Portrait of C. H. Worcester Four Saints with Nurnberg Tower, 17th Century Bronze Head Bronze Adagio Holy Man on Donkey - bronze Madonna and Child - wood carving

## Artist

Monticelli Monticelli Blakelock Derain Newman Inness Degas Vuillard C. H. Worcester Romagnoli Rouault Gellee Lungren Mary Cassatt Monet Renoir Renoir Charles Soutine Derain Vuillard Matisse Sisley Modigliani Sorolla Romagnoli Jacobello de Bonomo Hans Maler Austrian School Van Dyck Frans Hals Crespi Marescalco Isabey Hans Eworth Master Andre Renoir Modigliani Gramatky

Renoir Modigliani Gramatky Bellows Kronberg Mary Cassatt Mary Cassatt Wayman Adams Unknown

Daumier Georg Kolbe Scheibe

# SCHEDULE No. II (continued)

Title

Artist

Seated Woman - bronze Statuette of Standing Nude Figure Bronze Angel Maillol Despiau Carl Milles

# ACCEPTANCE

THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO hereby accepts the gift of paintings and objects of art described in the above and foregoing DEED OF GIFT and the SCHEDULES attached thereto, according to the terms thereof, on this 27th day of February, 1947.

THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

By /s/ Chauncey McCormick
Its President

ATTEST:

/s/ Lester B. Bridaham Secretary

Upon motion made, seconded, and duly carried, it was voted to accept with thanks this magnificent gift of Mr. and Mrs. Worcester.