Dear Neligan,

Thanks for your letter of the 6th.

(1) I should prefer very much to see the work done by the profession. I have had a very enthusiastic letter from Paris where the Society for the History of Medicine will actively co-operate. On the 27th I bring the matter formally before our Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, and we shall then approach the Presidents of the Royal Colleges, the President of the Academy of Medicine in Paris, and the President of the Society for the Study of the History of Medicine in Paris.

(2) The permanent sub-committee you mention would be admirable and the money could go into the Imperial Bank of Persia at Hamardan. Shall you be in England this summer?

(3) I will send you a draft of the appeal, with the names of the committee in this country and in France. Do you not think it might be in Arabic, Persian, English and French? Brown could put it into Persian for us. The photograph of the tomb might go on the top.

(4) Sir George Birdwood suggests that formal application should be made through the Foreign Office, but I told him of your interest and that you could arrange matters in Persia with the Regent. He expressed a fear lest the natives should resent the interference by the Infidels with the tomb of one of their great prophets. What do you think? It is certainly very important that we should have the official sanction of the Government.

Dr. Neligan,
British Legation,
Teheran.

May 18 1914.

P.S. I agree with you that our appeal should be for at least £600.