

telling me of another order
from Charles Vane - and
he told me that the Attorney
of the Co. advised non-action
on their part, but said that
if by Agent or in person I
carried out my wishes, the
Cemetery Co. would not permit
any interference. I then
appointed an Agent - and
again a letter came telling
me of a lengthy order from
Charles Vane forbidding
the removal, and advising
me to come in person or
send an Undertaker.
Last Monday night I
went in person and
Tuesday I had the removal.

accomplished.

June 11th 1894.

My dear Governor, I am so
very much shocked and
awed at an unconscionable
outrage that has been per-
petrated, I hardly know how
to express myself - and
beg you ever to excuse my
involvement, and I will try
to lay the case before you.

When my husband was
buried at Asheville, his body
was placed in a lot we had
chosen some years ago - and
visiting the grave the following
day, I saw that there were
quite a number of bodies, a
Sister-in-law and two children

A brother-in-law and one child to be moved - as he thought
v v - and that the lot was she was buried when she
badly Chapud for a monument prepared. A day after returned
I found the Sexton, who told to Washington I sent a check
for I could get the Lot easy to pay for the Lot and received
husband and I had just the Deed. I then wrote to my
wanted - on the highest point husband's sister - and to the
with some first Mrs about it - Sexton - to have him quietly
I bought the Lot - and told removed to the high Lot.
my husband's children quiet To my surprise, I received
I wanted to do - at the same a letter from the Secretary of
time saying to Charles Vance the Cemetery Co. telling me
and writing the same to his that Charles Vance had
brothers that if they wished to countermand any orders
than their Mother please and asking further admin.
them I was willing - but telling I wrote to him to have the
them, that no battle was best November work done at once.
he had told his sister - Mrs. Henden. I then received a letter
that he did not wish her body from the President of the Co.

disagreeable demand in
willing, from him - He
regarding me to deed the
Lot to the State - to have
his Mother and infant
brother's remains placed
there & which I promptly
declined to agree to do!

I had in the first instance
told him, if my husband's
children wanted their Mother
placed by him - even against
his wish - I would be willing -
and I had already expressed
a willingness to deed the Lot
to the State! He concluded
his demands by saying,
if his demands as set forth

were complied with - he would
make no objection to the erection
of a Monument by his widow!

To go back - I saw - and
I have understood that he saw -
that the Lot where my husband
was first placed, was not
suitable for two reasons -
the shape of the Lot and
the crowded condition.

I thought that my husband
was such a personality in
the State that his widow
should correspond
to the feeling that was spoken
towards him! I thought I
was doing something that
would be approved by the

State and by every member
of his family and every friend.
I thought I could better
afford to do this thing,
than his children - and
I never doubted that by
every man - and every senti-
ment man to civilized
people that I was acting
for the best and according
to my rights. I had only
one feeling - which was
to show Husband every honor
I could. — The Adminis-
trator had written me
word that he had nothing to
do with it - and the Fern-
-etay Co. had told me what
I have ^{written} to you, above.

Last night - Sunday - about
10 o'clock I received a
telegram from Asheville
in these words: "Last Night
your husband's remains
were placed in original grave."

During these days I have
alluded to, I wrote to Major
James Wilson to come to
Washington to settle the
matter - he came, and
asked me if I was willing
to send the Lt. to the State,
and I told him I would be
glad to do it - he then
had an interview with
Charles Vance and came
back to me with a check

without the advice of yourself
and other gentlemen who
would have regard to the
fitness and becomingness
of any man. -

I will say in closing
my letter that wounded,
humiliated, grieved as
I am, - I have never given
Charles Vance the shadow
of an excuse to commit
this outrage - but in the
contrary I have been on
every occasion the very
one who has reproached
him. But I will say
to you in extenuation

of what he has done, I
do not believe he is of sound
mind. I may be mistaken
but it is my opinion.

If you so advise and
the Monument Association
of Asheville agrees with
you - I shall simply
let him remain where
he was placed Saturday
Night - and will the
next day advise when I
had thought to give him
so beautiful a resting place.
Hoping to hear from you
very soon I am most faithfully
Yours
James Lee Vance

about the conclusion
I will say that
nothing was made
to - not to say
that he must
do some benefit
when he dragged
body from the
the night.

The matter in
and advice with
with the President
with Co. at Ash-
Melrose Carter
strong enough
in such an
enough
Van

Now, Governor Carr I
have tried to put the
matter before you as I
have looked at it. I am
so shocked at the un-
usually spectacle I cannot
judge what is best for
me to do - and I wish
to place the whole matter
in your hands. I shall
of course not take any
action - not justify my
dear Mr. ardo joining
body again. I suppose
I have some rights in
the case - but I am not
willing to move again

WASHINGTON, D. C.
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