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Supreme Court of the United States,

Washington, May 5, 1887.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo inclosing pages 169 to 178 from your History of Clay County came duly to hand. I return the pages herewith enclosed having made such notes and extracts from them as we may be likely to need hereafter. I again return you our sincere thanks for your kindness in this matter.

I have shown the pages of your book to Mr. Spofford, Librarian of Congress, and he regrets exceedingly not to have a copy of each of your County Histories in the Library of Congress. I think that with your help perhaps the deficiency might be remedied to a large extent, as it is probable that persons who have bought copies of your books might from time to time

again be willing to sell them. I think he has written you a note on the subject and I know that he is desirous of accumulating in the Library as many local histories of the whole Union as may have been written.

Yours very truly,

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