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University of Minnesota,

October 13, 1914.

Mr. Waldo G. Leland,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Leland:

Stock wrote me some time ago that you were on your way home, so I assume that you are back in Washington by this time. I am sorry the war interfered with your work in Paris but such things are to be expected, I suppose. I have my hands full at present getting the work organized at Minnesota.

One of my graduate students, Mr. Theodore Blegen, desires to be elected to membership in the American Historical Association. His address is 1827 13th Ave. S., Minneapolis. I am slowly getting the program for the Conference of Historical Societies into shape. Dr. Schmidt, the Chairman, will open with a paper on the "Chicago Historical Society." Woodburn of Indiana will have a paper on "State Historical Surveys at State Universities" which will be discussed. I am trying also

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to secure a paper on "Restrictions in the use of manuscripts
material" for another discussion.

Sincerely yours,

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1140 WOODWARD BLDG.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 9, 1914.

Dear Buck:

I find your letter of October 14 upon my return to Washington. Thank you for your nomination of Mr. Belgen who I suppose by this time has received the notification of his election. You seem to be making good progress with the programme of the Conference and what you have on hand looks very interesting. Will you attend yourself to the matter of sending out the invitations to the Conference, as I understand you did last year, or do you prefer to have it attended to here? In any case can you let me know as soon as possible how many copies of the first edition of the programme you are going to need, as I wish to tell Thompson how large an edition to print. The programmes will probably be out in about two weeks.

I am looking forward very much to seeing you in Chicago.

Very sincerely yours,



Secretary.

Professor S. J. Buck
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1140 WOODWARD BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 14, 1914.

Dear Buck:

It would be well for you to let Thompson know how many copies of the first edition of the programme you are going to want and where they should be sent. The programme will be printed in a few days and he can have the printer ship your supply directly to you or to whomever is to receive them. I estimate that you will want five hundred but you may have more if you need them.

very truly yours,



Secretary.

Mr. S. J. Buck
Library Building
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.

November 20, 1914.

Mr. Waldo G. Leland,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Leland:-
Dear Leland:-

I owe you an apology for not having replied
before to your letter of November 9th. Yours of Nov. 14
also at hand. Sometimes ago I went through the mailing 14

list of the Conference of Historical Societies and
eliminated most of these institutions which have
never sent in reports. It does not seem to me
worth while to bother with them any longer. That
operation cut down the list to about three hundred
institutions. Am writing Thompson to this effect
today.

My excuse for not having attended to
this before is that I have been simply swamped with
other things, and also have been without a sten-
ographer for several weeks.

You have doubtless heard by this time of

my appointment as Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. Upham takes the position of Archaeologist, recently made vacant by the death of Winchell. I will continue to give one course and Seminar in the University. Most of my time, however, will be spent in the Historical Society rooms in St. Paul.

I am having the invitations and blank reports for the conference printed and will send them out as soon as I receive the programs from Thompson.

Sincerely yours

December 16, 1914

Mr. Waldo G. Leland,

Secretary American Historical Association

1140 Woodward Building, Washington D.C.

Dear Leland:-

I am sending you enclosed bills for services
and expenditures in connection with the Conference of
Historical Societies.

Sincerely yours

December 15, 1914

American Historical Association

To Mary E. Palmes, Dr.

Services addressing circulars for

Conference of Historical Societies. 11 hours @ 35¢--- \$3.85

December 15, 1914

American Historical Association

To Solon J. Buck, Dr.

Paid for services revising mailing list,

Conference of Historical Societies ----- \$2.50

Stamps for Conference of Historical Societies---- 5.52
Total 8.02

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
500 BOND BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Newton Lower Falls, Mass
Jan. 14, 1915

Dear Buck:

Can you send to me, at Washington, an abstract in
300 - 500 words, of the Conference of Historical Secretaries.
We wish to have it for the general account of the meetings
that is published in the April Review. Mr. Jameson
is anxious to have it as soon as feasible. I presume that you
have the stenographic report and the manuscripts of the
papers. If you can send me the abstract now, the report
and the manuscripts can be sent to me later - when
you have got them ready for printing in the Annual
Report. I should however, have them in hand, by
the end of February.

Very sincerely yours

W. G. Selander

February 8, 1915

Mr. Waldo G. Leland

1140 Woodward Bldg.,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Leland:-

I am sending you enclosed a rough abstract of the Conference of Historical Societies as requested by your letter of January 14. This is just as I dictated it without any attempt at stylistic revision. It contains the essential data, however, and I presume that is all you desire.

You state in your letter that you should like to have the final report and manuscripts by the end of February. If this means that you expect the returns from the historical societies to be compiled under my direction, you are asking for an impossibility. If you desire me to send these original returns to you for compilation in Washington, I can do that very soon. I am perfectly willing to direct the compilation of the appendix in the same manner as was done last year, provided I can be allowed a reasonable length of time, but if you must have the report by the end of February, the returns will have to go in just as they came to me from the different institutions.

Sincerely yours

February 13, 1915

Mr. Waldo G. Leland,
1140 Woodward Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Leland:-

I have just received a letter from Woodburn in which he states that he turned over to you the copy of his paper read at the Conference of Historical Societies in Chicago. If you desire me to prepare the report of this conference, will you kindly send this paper on to me at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely yours

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AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1140 WOODWARD BLDG.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 15, 1915.

My dear Buck:

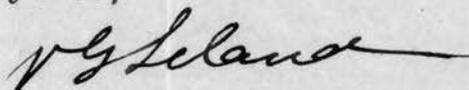
Thank you for the account of the conference, which answers perfectly well for the Review. For the Annual Report, however, I shall want to have the complete stenographic report, as I believe you understand. I am anxious to get the manuscript of the Annual Report to the printer as soon as possible. But if you have until April first for compiling the index, will that be long enough?

There is another matter that I should like to speak about. This is in connection with the proposed printing of documents from the French archives. I very much hope that the agencies interested in this compilation will not necessitate starting work until the calendar has been completed. It seems to me that it will be much better to complete and print the calendar before publishing any text. This would be in conformity with my original plan when I proposed making the calendar.

I do not know that you are entering into any co-operative arrangement with Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, but I speak of these matters so that you may bear these considerations in mind.

Most sincerely yours,

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul,
Minnesota.



February 18, 1915

Mr. Waldo G. Leland
1140 Woodward Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Leland:-

Your letter of February 15 is just received. I am still at a loss to know whether you desire me to prepare the manuscripts for the report of the Conference of Historical Societies, or merely to send them to you to be put in shape. I have assumed that I was to do this as it has been done in previous years by the secretary of the conference, and therefore, I cut up the stenographic report and sent the sections to the different men for revision. Some of these have been returned. Fuller writes me, however, that he sent a resumé of his remarks to you some time ago, and as I wrote you on the 13th, Woodburn states that he turned over the copy of his paper to you. I cannot, of course, prepare the report unless these papers are sent to me. If I am not to prepare the body of the report, I do not care to undertake the drudgery of looking after the preparation of the appendix. On the other hand, I am perfectly willing to prepare the whole report, including the appendix as has been the custom in the past.

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If you will send Woodburn's paper and Fuller's discussion and such other conference material as may have come to you, I can get the body of the report back to you in a couple of weeks, and I think the appendix can be ready without difficulty by April 1.

With reference to printing of the documents from the French Archives, I quite agree with you that it would be much better to wait until the calendar is completed and published, but I understand that the Michigan people have plans for publishing some of this stuff very soon. No arrangement has been made as yet, so far as I know, for cooperation. although Alvord has taken up the matter with the Torch Press and has, I think, an offer from them to publish the proposed collection.

We are in the midst of our legislative session at present, and I have just had introduced a bill to establish the Minnesota Historical Society as a state department of archives and history, and authorizing the various state and local officials to turn over non-current records. If this goes through and we receive sufficient funds, we will establish an archives division, which will be kept separate from the manuscripts division. I have had a man at work for some time now preparing a report on the Minnesota archives for the Public Archives Commission. It will have

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to be very superficial, however, as the records are in great confusion and it is not possible to know just what files are complete and what are not.

Sincerely yours

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1140 WOODWARD BLDG.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 20, 1915.

Dear Buck:

I am sending a copy of Woodburn's paper and an abstract of Burpee's. Does that give you all the material that you need for the report of the conference. If, as I understand, there was a stenographic report made, I should just turn that in as it is, inserting the papers of which you have the text in their proper places.

Most sincerely yours,



Secretary.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Library Building,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

February 24, 1915

Mr. Waldo C. Leland

1140 Woodward Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Leland:-

I received Woodburn's paper and the abstract of Burpee's. I did not need the latter as I have the paper in full, but I do need the summary of Fuller's remarks in discussion of Burpee's paper which he writes me that he sent you some time ago. If you cannot locate this, please let me know at once and I will ask Fuller to replace it.

If you had seen the stenographic report, you would not, I think, be in favor of turning it in just as it is. As I wrote you some time ago, I sent the respective parts of this report to the different people involved, and in nearly every case they made extensive corrections.

Sincerely yours

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AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1140 WOODWARD BLDG.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 24, 1915.

Dear Buck:

I have assumed, of course, that you would prepare the report on the conference as you did last year. I did not realize that so much of the material you needed was in our hands, as I had not collected it myself although I imagine that the letters sent out asking for it were signed with my name.

I have sent, or am sending now, everything that I have. I am sorry for the little misunderstanding which was quite my fault.

In regard to the publication of a series from the French archives: I am glad that you feel that it would be better to wait until the Catalogue is completed. It seems to me that when the publication is undertaken, it should be as complete as possible from the territorial and chronological points of view.

I do not quite understand why the Michigan Commission is so anxious to go ahead with a publication of some sort. If you can influence Alvord or any one else to wait a while, I think all the various interests will be much better served.

I wish you good luck in your legislative activities.

Most sincerely yours,



Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul,
Minnesota.

Secretary.

May 13, 1915

Mr. Waldo G. Leland
Washington, D.C.

My dear Leland:-

Under separate cover and by express I am sending you the "Proceedings" of the eleventh annual conference of historical societies. I am not particularly proud of the shape which this report is in, but it is absolutely impossible for me to devote any more time to it now. The appendix in particular will doubtless require considerable standardizing in your office.

I was unable to secure a copy of Dr. Schmidt's paper on the Chicago Historical Society. I wrote him again and again, but each time he replied that he had been unable to give it the necessary revision. I will write him again today and request him to send it directly to you. If he does so, it can then be inserted in its proper place in the report.

I am enclosing a bill for the services of Miss Palmes in working over the reports for the appendix and typing parts of the report.

Sincerely yours

May 13, 1915

American Historical Association, Dr.

To Mary E. Palmes

For services in connection with the preparation
of the "Proceedings" of the eleventh annual
conference of historical societies.

24 hours at 35 cents per hour----- \$8.40

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1140 WOODWARD BLDG.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 18, 1915.

My dear Buck:

The proceedings of the Historical Society arrived safely, and the account seems to be wholly satisfactory and in very good form.

I have glanced it over hastily and do not see why it cannot go into the Report just as it is.

If I do not hear from Dr. Schmidt within a few days I will write to him and endeavor to secure his paper.

A check has already been sent to Miss Palmes in payment of her bill.

Very sincerely yours,



Secretary.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul,
Minnesota.

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1140 WOODWARD BLDG.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 3, 1915.

Dear Buck:

Dr. Schmidt's report has come in, so now the report of the conference is complete.

I will get proof to you as soon as possible, but probably not before the latter part of July, as the report will hardly get to press before July first.

I saw Mr. Moore when he was here a week or so ago. ~~He~~ I was rather relieved to find that ^{he} ~~we~~ did not press the matter of the publication of French documents. I sincerely hope that that plan may be held in abeyance until the completion of the Calendar.

Most sincerely yours,



Secretary.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.