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416 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

January 15, 1914.

Mr. Leo Stock,
1140 Woodward Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Stock:-

I am sending you under another cover the cards for documents in the Bureau of Indexes and Archives of the State Department. This material is contained in the two sets of Miscellaneous Letters and Domestic Letters. Some of the cards are made from Parker's Calendar and a few from the letters themselves, but the greater number are taken from the confidential calendar which Mr. Hunt allowed me to use in the Library of Congress. It will probably be unnecessary to mention the fact that this calendar was used to the authorities in charge of the documents.

With reference to the Domestic Letters, I saw only Volume 17. Volume 16 was apparently mislaid at the time, and I did not have sufficient patience to wait for it to be found. I would like to have you make further searches in these two volumes for additional letters bearing on Illinois. The volumes have indexes to the names of the people to whom the letters are written and by looking in these indexes for letters to the people whose letters are listed in the other collection, you can perhaps find documents which will supplement those in the Miscellaneous Letters. I do not think that it would be worth while for you to go through the two volumes of Domestic Letters page by page.

I enclose also a copy of the letter which I wrote to Congressman Borchers. A similar letter, omitting however the reference

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the House files was sent to Senator Lewis.

Sincerely yours,

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1140 WOODWARD BUILDING
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January, 23, 1914.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your letters of January 12 and 15, with inclosures, have been received. I have also received the separate package containing cards for State Department materials.

I regret to say that I have done nothing so far with this material as Dr. Jameson is unwilling that I should give any time to it until after the completion of the index upon which I am working. This, I think, will be in about two weeks.

In talking the matter over with Dr. Jameson he thinks there will be no difficulty in having the material from the State Department sent to the Library of Congress for photographing. I do not know what arrangements can be made with the library concerning payment after the work is done. The State Department will ^{not} allow the material to be sent to the private firm which you mentioned.

There is no photostat at the War Department, nor do I think it possible to have the records there sent to the library. So this work will have to be done by the typewriter.

Your directions will be minutely followed in all cases.

Hoping that this delay will cause you no inconvenience, I am, with kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Lee H. Stock

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

January 26, 1914.

Mr. Leo G. Stock,
1140 Woodward Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Stock:-

Your letter of January 23rd is at hand. It might be well to start the work with the documents in the Inspector General's Office in the War Department, as they could be found with little difficulty, and there is no question of advancing money for photographing. There is no immediate hurry about the work, but I find that the appropriation will probably have to be used up by the first of September, and so it would be well to get things going as soon as possible.

I am sending you enclosed replies which I received from Congressman Borchers and from Senator Lewis' Secretary. I am also enclosing a card for a document in the Bureau of Rolls and Library of the State Department. It is printed in the Wisconsin Historical Collections, as noted on the card. It is possible that the notes which I sent you for transcripts in this Bureau call for a copy of this document. In view of the fact that it has already appeared in print, there will be no necessity of copying it. Please return the card to me.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 13, 1914.

Mr. Leo G. Stock,
1140 Woodward Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Stock:-

I am very anxious to get as soon as possible copies of some letters which I noted in the Indian Office bearing on the Fort Dearborn massacre. These are five or six letters written by Matthew Irwin to Jeremiah Mason, running from April 16 to October 28, 1812. When I saw them they were in the process of being calendared and arranged, but by this time they have probably been filed in the pension court. If my recollection is correct, there is in the notes which I sent you on material in the Bureau of Rolls and Library of the State Department reference to a letter or letters written by A. B. Woodward of Michigan Territory in 1812, bearing on the Fort Dearborn massacre. If you find such reference in the notes, I should like very much to get copies of this material also as soon as possible. It looks now as if we would give considerable attention to the securing of transcripts of documents in the Washington archives. When I was in Washington we were planning to use only the funds from the State Historical Library, which were very small. We have recently received a large grant from the University and as the money has to be spent before July 1st, we are planning to use a considerable amount of it for transcripts from the archives and photostatic reproductions of early Illinois newspapers in the Library of Congress. We hope to be able to secure copies of all of the material in the Indian Office relating to Illinois, using for this purpose, of course, so far as it goes, the calendar which you made for us a couple of years ago. I hope it will be possible for you to exercise general

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supervision over all of this work. If you can get some competent person, however, aside from the copyist to assist in looking up material, etc., under your direction, we will be very glad to have you do so. I should like especially to have you find out as soon as convenient whether or not it will be possible for you to transfer the letter books, etc., from the Indian Office to the Library of Congress in order to have photostatic copies made from them.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

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J. FRANKLIN JAMESON
DIRECTOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb. 27, 1914.

My dear Buck:

I know you have despaired of getting any reply from me to your many letters, so awake! and know ye that I really have not forgotten you and your work. One thing - then another, and so it went just when I thought I could squeeze in a few minutes in the cause of the Illinois Centennial. However I am sending the few Irwin to Mason letters I found "bunched" at the Indian office but not until after two hours of search. They are apparently no nearer filing than when you saw them. These Miss Bowes copied yesterday, Mrs. Pierce not being available at the time. I collated them with the copyist.

My next attention as concerns your work will be given to the Woodward letters at the State Department relating to Fort Dearborn. I shall go there as soon as Dr. Jameson finds it convenient to accompany me. He will make the necessary arrangements, if possible, for the prosecution of this work whether it be by detail or done in long stretches. In this way much time and bother will be saved, since it will not be necessary to follow the never ending red tape through its circuitous ~~widdings~~ widdings, at every trip to that office.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Leo T. Stock

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON
DIRECTOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 27, 1914.

Dear Buck:

On Saturday I sent you by express photostat copies of all documents in the State and War departments covered by your cards. There were 95 prints from the Bureau of Indexes and Archives, 69 from the Bureau of Rolls and Library, and 33 from the Inspector~~s~~ General's office of the War Department. I attached each card to its corresponding document. There were no cards, as you remember, for the War Department material. I searched pretty carefully the set of inspection books in question and had copies made of everything that seemed pertinent. I trust you will find this work satisfactory. I enclose bills of Leet Brothers for their work. In connection with this work at the State Department there is a small account of two or three dollars which I was obliged to incur in this way. When the books were assembled in which the letters were, I decided that it was not safe to entrust the matter of locating the correct documents in the books to the operators of the photostat. It was therefore necessary for me or someone else to stay there until all the documents were finished. Your namesake Buck, of the Bureau of Indexes and Archives, insisted on keeping a clerk with the papers until the work was completed. This chap I found very intelligent and, after a test, capable

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of handling the matter. It was impossible for me to spend two or three days there, and so I asked him if he would see that the document corresponded with the card, etc. I hinted at making him a slight remuneration, and so if you can arrange it I think ~~ix~~ two or three dollars spent in this way will be well spent; certainly it is less than my time would have been worth if I had been obliged to stay.

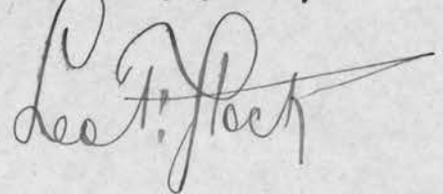
Mrs. Pierce collated the documents afterwards, wrote in the endorsements, compared them, etc. Her bill is so small that she thought it better to wait until the Indian Office material has been photographed.

I understand from Dr. Jameson that Dr. Mareness has been engaged to finish up your work, under my superintendence. I think this is a good move.

I have not heard anything from the Library of Congress concerning the Indian Office documents. As soon as they are ready for them at the Library, I shall see that they are promptly moved.

With every best wish, believe me,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lee T. Fleet". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Solon J. Buck

Urbana, Illinois

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

April 29, 1914

Mr. Leo F. Stock,
1140 Woodward Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Stock:

I received the photostatic prints by express yesterday, and your letter of April 27th arrived this morning. I am very much pleased with the general appearance and legibility of the copies, and am especially gratified to note how carefully all endorsements and references have been indicated. I anticipate no difficulties whatever in working with them.

I do not quite understand the Bill of Leet Brothers which you enclosed. It is stamped "Paid," and I do not feel sure whether this is a mistake or whether the bill has been paid by you or the Carnegie Institution. Please inform me as to this so that I will know what to do with the bill.

With reference to paying the state department clerk who assisted in the work, if you will have a bill for \$3.00 made out either to yourself or to him, I will see to it that it is paid. This should be made to the Illinois Centennial Commission, as the plan is for the Commission to pay the expense of searching for documents, etc., etc., while the library, in which the documents are deposited, will pay for the actual reproduction. I think that the price which Leet Brothers charged for the making of prints is very high, especially when compared to the price which similar work costs at the Library of Congress. It is also probably greater than would be the expense of having typewritten copies made, and we feel that for the rest of the work, unless arrangements can be made for the

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documents to be photographed at the Library of Congress, it will probably be better to have typewritten transcripts made and collated.

In the making of prints it has occurred to me also that a considerable saving might be effected in many cases by reproducing two pages of documents on the same sheet. In many cases this could be done, I think, without reducing the documents at all, and there would be no objection to a slight reduction which did not impair the legibility of the result. This method was used in some work which was done for us recently by the Wisconsin Historical Society, and the results were quite satisfactory.

Recently we sent in a rush order to the Library of Congress for the reproduction of a few letters in the Trumbull collection, and when these came the sheets were trimmed down to the size of the original documents. If this is the practice of the Library of Congress, I wish you would see to it that they do not do this in reproducing the documents from the Indian Office. The filing of the prints is much simpler when they are all of the same size.

I am very glad to hear that Dr. Heroness has been engaged to take up the work, and believe that he will do a good job. As I suggested to Dr. Jameson in my recent letter to him, I think he had better begin on the Indian Office papers where Miss Chiles left off.

I have heard nothing from the Library of Congress for some time, but presume that the work is going on satisfactorily. I suppose they are working on our rather large order of reproductions of Illinois newspapers.

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At their request we purchased for them some time ago a considerable amount of material for the work, and I presume as soon as they have finished with the newspapers they will call on you for the Indian Office documents.

I will send notes for the documents desired in some of the other archives within a few days. I have been so busy lately that I have been unable to give any time to this matter.

I will rely of course upon you and Dr. Jameson to get hereness started in the work and to transmit my directions to him.

Please tell Dr. Jameson that I received the package of papers relating to the Conference of Historical Societies.

Cordially yours,

S. J. B./MS

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON
DIRECTOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 4, 1914.

My dear Buck:

Your letters of April 29 and 30 have been received.

I agree with you that Leet Brothers are pretty high in their charges, higher than I expected. I shall not have them do any more of your work. Their bill has not been paid; I had them make it out in duplicate, and receipted, as I thought that would be required. I judged this from my experience with other State organizations.

I enclose a bill for three dollars for services of Arthur A. Chenay, the clerk in the State Department, who looked after the work there for me.

I note what you say regarding the trimming of the photographic prints to the size of the documents. I shall see to it that this is not done at the Library with the Indian Office material.

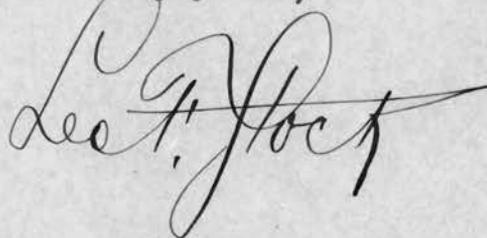
When Mereness is ready to go to work on your search, I shall give him full instructions and see that your wish in each particular is carried out. I have ordered some cards like the sample you sent, for his use. Dr. Jameson has obtained consent to have him enter the house files. First he is to locate a few documents requested by other societies, then, while he is there, Dr. Jameson and myself think it will be better to have him go on with the Illinois search. This will obviate the trouble of securing a second permission later on.

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When the Indian Office work is resumed, I shall give Mereness a copy of my report to you showing what books were examined by me. If he locates any others I shall instruct him to examine them, but I do not believe any others have been turned up since then. Those people down at that office do not know what is there, and every time the files are changed they come upon the old material in a new location and think they have discovered something new. But I shall turn Mereness loose and tell him to browse at will saving only the pastures covered by Miss Chiles and myself.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leo T. Hoek". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Leo T. Hoek".

Dr. Solon J/ Buck
418 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, ,Ill.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 7, 1914

Mr. Leo F. Stock,

1140 Woodward Building,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Stock:-

I am in receipt of your letter of May 4th and will attend to the bills for Mr. Cheney and Leet Brothers shortly. I note what you have to say about Mr. Mereness undertaking the work in the House files. I presumed it was your intention, however, that he should finish up the work in the Indian Office first. This will be more satisfactory to us, as we wish to be sure of completing that work, and do not know just how far our money will go. I am going over the data which I have about Illinois material in the House files at present, and will write you further on ~~this~~ point a little later. There are a number of matters, however, which effect our decision as to what material in the House files to have copied, on which you may be able to throw some light. Is there any possibility of taking documents from the House files to the Library of Congress for reproduction? If not can you give any estimate as to what it will cost per average document to have them copied and collated? Many of the documents to which I have reference are bills, and I understand that there is a rather complete file of bills in the Senate Library. I suppose these are bound in book form, and perhaps it will be impossible to take them to the Library of Congress for reproducing. When I was in Washington I looked up the file of bills in the Library of Congress, but found they had none before 1819. I send you herewith also some additional notes on Indian Office material which I have just come across. They are notes which I took during

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my last visit to Washington, and most of them probably duplicate the notes taken by Miss Chiles. They may be of some assistance to Mr. Mereness, however, so I will send them along.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON
DIRECTOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 15, 1914.

My dear Buck:

This is in reply to yours of the 7th.

Mr. Mereness began your work at the Indian Office last Monday. I gave him full instructions, and I am certain he will make a thorough job of it for you. He began on the files where Miss Chiles left off; when he has finished these, he will examine everything else he can find and also go through the letter books, etc. that I had examined for an additional year. I found the Irwin letter you wanted and had him copy it at once and forward to you. I trust it has been received.

I have not yet been notified by the Library of Congress that they are ready for the Indian Office material. I hope they will call for it before Mereness leaves town, as he will be able to assemble it.

Concerning the House and Senate files- I think it will be well for you to get together your instructions and notes (if you have any) so that he may take up this as soon as he has finished at the Indian Office. I suppose you will want everything listed in Parker and every other document that falls within your general instructions. I think it will be well for him to begin his work there before the adjournment of Congress, so that if any difficulty presents itself your representatives and senators will be on hand.

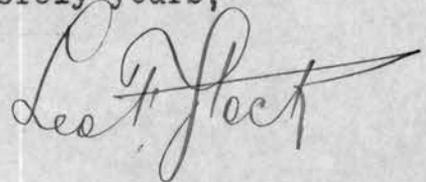
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There is a possibility of securing permission to have the documents from the House and Senate files transferred to the Library of Congress. though there is no certainty that permission will be given. It will take considerable time, work, and influence. In view of the fact that the Library has so much of your work still ahead of them- several weeks on the Indian Office material after the newspapers, I think it will be better not to raise the question of the transfer of the House and Senate documents until the search is made. If then the Library is free and Congress is in session, we might make the effort, but, on the other hand, if conditions are not favorable at the time the search is being made, I think you had better content yourself to have them copied.

I thank you very much for the copy of Travel and Description, 1765-1865, which has been sent me. I suppose this is the book to which you refer in your letter. I shall examine it with much interest and pleasure and am glad to have it for my library.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leo T. Fleck". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Dr. Solon J. Buck".

Dr. Solon J. Buck

Urbana, Illinois

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 29, 1914

Mr. Leo F. Stock,
1140 Woodward Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Stock:-

I am in receipt of your letter of May 27th. The instructions for work in the house files have been sent to you and will doubtless reach you before this letter does. I am glad to note that Mereness listed the Black Hawk War material fully, because we want everything on that subject. In view of your doubt as to whether we did or did not want this material, I am wondering whether you included the Black Hawk War documents in the letter books when you worked them.

I received also Dr. Jameson's letter with reference to payment for Mereness, and I will take this matter up with Professor Alvord next Monday. He is out of town just at present. I think there is no question but what we can arrange for a payment of \$75 to him before very long. What we will probably do will be to send in a bill for work for one hundred hours at 75 cents an hour. In that way we will avoid any complications with the Civil Service commission.

I have been going over some of the prints of documents in the State and War Departments, and in general find them very satisfactory. One of the documents from the War Department, however, is incomplete, and unless it is a very long document, I think it would be well for us to have the whole of it. This is the report which begins on page 184 stamped, or 91 written, of the Inspection records, 1823-24. What you sent me consists of the last four lines of this page, and then the eighth section of the report which begins on page 94 (written number) and running to the end of page 95. The document evidently continues beyond page 95, however, and if it would not require more than five or six additional sheets, I would

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like to have the remainder of the report. At any rate I should like to know if there is any indication as to who the author of the report and what is its date. The report on Fort Armstrong, 1834, in Inspection Records 1830-36 ends with the following: "See pg 32 of my report of 9th Dec. 1833 in relation to the propriety of fuller occupancy of the post (Fort Armstrong)." Is this report of 1833 anywhere to be found? Dr. Mereness could doubtless look up these matters, and if there is any further copying to be done, in spite of the exorbitant cost, it had better be in the form of photostatic prints in order to be uniform with what we already have.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 26, 1914

Mr. Leo F. Stock,
1140 Woodward Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Stock:-

I received your letter of May 15th and should have replied to it before, but have been too busy with masters' theses and other work to get my notes on the Indian Office files in shape. The copy of the Irwin letter was received and has been added to the copies previously sent in. The Library of Congress has sent us about a third of the newspaper prints which we have asked them to make for us. I am writing them to request that they postpone the remainder of the newspaper work for the time being and take up the work in the Indian Office. I should not think it would make any particular difference to them and the newspapers can be reproduced at any time in the future. I will ask them to let you know if they are willing to do this.

With reference to the House files, we will want all documents bearing in any way on Illinois history or the general field of the Northwest during the years from 1815 to 1820 inclusive. I am sending you a bunch of cards on which are listed all of the documents from the House files calendared by Parker, and also some of Parker's preliminary cards which were not used in the published Calendar. These are some cards which you allowed me to take when I was in Washington two or three years ago. Will it be feasible for Mr. Mereness to make out cards for such additional material as he finds in the House files and send them to me for examination and for checking up with published material before the copies are made? I understand that the House files are in such condition that it is sometimes difficult to find the documents the second time. A little later on I will send you a package of cards for documents in the House files prior to 1815 of which we desire copies. In

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this case, however, we will want copies only of those documents for which I have cards and it will not be necessary to search the files for other documents during this earlier period.

Many of the cards which I am sending herewith call for bills, and I should like to have Mr. Mereness find out before these are copied if it would not be perhaps more feasible to secure copies of these bills from what I understand is a practically complete set in the Senate Library.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 23, 1918.

Mr. Leo F. Stock,
1140 Woodward Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Stock:

I have just completed an arrangement of the Indian Office prints, which you sent a week or so ago. It required a good deal of labor to get these arranged in their original order, and if possible I should like to have the remaining prints kept in the same order as that of the original documents.

By the way, I do not remember having received any cards for Michigan letterbooks after 1834. Are there any such letterbooks or did Mereness not get to them? Has Mr. Mereness returned to his work in the House Files? If not, when does he expect to do so?

I received a letter from Congressman Borchers in which he says, "If you will have your assistant call at my office I will be pleased to do what I can for him". So that I think it will be necessary for either you or Mereness to see him. You can probably get an appointment by telephone and thus avoid the necessity of waiting for an interview.

As soon as I learn definitely that the arrangement can be made for transferring the material, and can get an estimate of the quantity so as to know what the reproduction will cost, I will take up the matter of having the money deposited with the Library of Congress.

In going over the Indian Office prints, I find a number lacking which were ordered this year. Could these be the ones which were taken out to be done over? When they are ready, send them along, and they will be filed in their proper places.

One other matter. Will you or Mereness find out for me if the Journals of the Illinois House and Senate for the first general assembly, which held two sessions, one in 1818 and one in 1819, are to be found anywhere in Washington. They are not on the Library of Congress cards so I conclude they are not in that institution, but it occurs to me that they may be in the library of the Superintendent of Documents. The only copies of these journals, of which I know, are in the State Historical Library at Springfield. There is no prospect of our being able to secure copies, and so we are planning to have photostatic reproductions made. If they could be found in Washington, we would have them made in the Library of Congress.

I hope that the weather in Washington is not any worse than it is here!

Sincerely yours,

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

August 15, 1914.

My dear Buck:

Miss Washington is spending this month on vacation. The bill sent by you for services in revising mailing list of the Conference of Historical Studies will, I am sure, receive her first attention, upon her return to the office.

Very truly yours,

Lee H. Stock

Acting assistant to the

Secretary.

P.S. I have your letter respecting Indian Office prints. It will be impossible to send, by the time you specify, copies of letters hated by Mereness. but I'll do what I can to hurry things along.

Dr. Solon J. Buck

418 Lincoln Hall

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418 Lincoln Hall

Urbana, Illinois,

August 17, 1914.

Mr. Leo F. Stock,

1140 Woodward Building,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Stock:

I am in receipt of your note of August 15th. I do not expect to receive copies of any of the letters listed by Mereness, but I also hope that the remainder of the prints for the Letter Books listed would come in. As the bill for revising the Mailing list is not to go through at once, it had better be changed so that the check will be sent to me at Minneapolis. My address there will be Library Building, University of Minnesota. I expect to reach there about September first. In meantime I will be at 622 Howard Building, Madison, Wisconsin.

Sincerely yours,

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON
DIRECTOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 29, 1914.

My dear Buck:

On August 24, I sent to Professor Alvord a large shipment of prints- all that remained of my selections from the Indian Office files. This week the photostat has been busy with the documents from the House files, and they will probably be ready to send early next week. In the meantime, I have had transferred from the Indian Office those books from which Mereness has drawn off cards. The operator will begin work on these as soon as the papers from the House files are finished.

By the way, I notice among the slips sent to Mereness listing House documents some of Parker's original slips. Tell me about them; are they borrowed or just "swiped"?

I also sent to Mr. Alvord a bill covering Mrs. Pierce's services since the beginning of this work last April. She is anxious to get some money, and anything you can do to put it through promptly will be appreciated by her.

I hope you are well and that you will find your new surroundings congenial in every respect.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Dr. S. J. Buck

Library Building

University of Minnesota

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON
DIRECTOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 11, 1914.

My dear Buck:

Your letter of September 3 is received. I enclose Mrs. Pierce's bill for work done at the State and War departments. Her bill for collating the Indian Office material I have sent to Mr. Alvord. On account of family interests she was not able to take care of the reprints of House documents, which work is being done by Mereness. He phoned me this morning that I would be able to send them to you within a day or two. Mrs. Pierce will continue the work upon the second batch of Indian Office papers which are now at the Library.

I am sorry I can not tell you to keep Parker's cards. If they were mine you could have them, but Dr. Jameson wants to keep that collection intact; it has really been of service to several investigators. You may of course keep the cards you have until you have had opportunity to make copies. There is no particular hurry for their return.

Leland has been obliged to leave Paris and has sailed for home. Dr. Jameson is expected back to the city about the 25th. Burnett will come soon thereafter, then I think I shall take a little vacation myself.

Miss Washington has changed your address on the Association mailing list.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,
L. F. Stock

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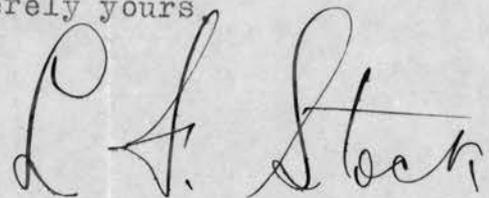
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September 15, 1914.

My dear Buck:

I sent yesterday by express prints of the House documents which I hope you will find satisfactory. Mereness would like you to look over these as soon as possible and to let him know at once if they are O. K.. Before returning the papers to the House files he would like also to have your decision regarding bills. He thought it possible that you would not want copies of the manuscript drafts, but he prefers to keep the papers at the Library of Congress until he knows definitely.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. F. Stock". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "L. F. Stock".

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October 1, 1914

My dear Buck:

Your letter of September 23 has been received. Mareness says he has written you more definitely respecting Bills found in House files. He says he sent you cards for these, but thought you might not want them. His letter will throw more light on the subject than I am able, as I have half forgotten the circumstances.

Mareness says the Library understands about billing work done on House files. Mr. Alvord has asked me several times for my statement of account to date. I have sent it to him this morning. For work done in connection with Indian Office files, the amount is \$22. Since I have made up my accounts, I may as well send you the small bill for work in connection with material from State and War departments. All this work done for you and Alvord has been done on Carnegie time, so the amount due from both sources will revert to the Department. About the only other bill I can think of, worthy of mention, now standing (with the exception of Mrs. Pierce's, which Alvord says he has found a way to pay), is one due Mereness of about \$35, but I do not know how that should be divided. I understood him to say it all came out of the Centennial fund.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie

October 6, 1914.

Mr. Leo F. Stock,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Stock:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 1 and your bill against the Centennial Commission. If it is satisfactory to you, I will hold this bill until I receive Mereness' bill against the Commission and send them both in together. I have written him to let the matter of copying Bills drop for the time being. The Library sent the bill for its work on the House files to Urbana, but Mr. Alvord forwarded to to me. I will approve it and send it through at once.

Sincerely yours,