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January 10, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am forwarding to you today by
American Express the material just photo-
stated by the St. Louis Public Library.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Alvord,
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January 13, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord

416 Lincoln Hall

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Under separate cover I am ✓
sending you half dozen copies of the Proceedings
of the Tenth Annual Conference of Historical Societies.
It occurred to me that probably Leland might forget
to send you the copies which he promised and moreover,
I have a number on hand which I want to get rid of.

Sincerely yours

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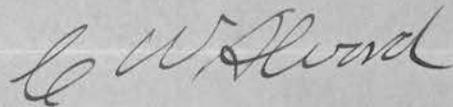
January 20, 1916

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

My dear Buck:

Separates have come. Thanks
very much.

Sincerely yours,



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January 27, 1916

Professor C. W. Alford
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alford:-

A couple of days ago, I received a package of notes from Leland, and at the same time a telegram from Miss Washington, his assistant, requesting me to hold them for a letter. The letter arrived this morning, and stated that they were sent to me by mistake and were intended for you. I am forwarding them to you, therefore, by express "collect" as requested by Miss Washington.

A few days ago I wrote Pease asking him to send me some stuff for our work on the Illinois in 1818 volume. Miss Helf now tells me that she needs to consult the History of Macoupin County (1879) and the History of Greene and Jersey Counties (1885) which are in the University of Illinois library. We did not anticipate that these would be needed when our previous request was sent in, but we find that the settlement extended considerably further north in 1818 than we had supposed. If you can have these volumes sent to us, it will facilitate our work considerably.

Miss Helf is doing what, I believe, will be a very

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very valuable piece of work on the location and extent of the settlement, land surveys, etc., in Illinois in 1818. In order to complete it, however, I am afraid it will be necessary for her to make a trip to Springfield to consult the land papers in the auditor's office and also to examine for herself the original schedules of the census of 1818. Miss Gorman's copy is full of ^{falsible} ~~probable~~ mistakes, and there are many little points which could be cleared up only by an examination of the original, or a photographic copy. Should she make such a trip, Miss Relf will doubtless secure needed material for other parts of the volume also. What do you think of this?

I have advanced a month's salary to Miss Relf out of my own pocket, because I did not like to ask Dr. Schmidt for any more. I am assuming that it will be possible to get this back out of the commission's funds when the snarl is untangled. I hope you will keep me informed of any developments.

Sincerely yours

February 5, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Miss Relf has run up against a snag in connection with the Illinois Emigrant of Shawnee town. I have a somewhat vague recollection of this problem as to just which one of the Kimmels was co-editor with Eddy having come up while I was in Illinois, but I cannot remember who it was that was interested in it. Miss Relf has written out a statement of the problem embodying all of the information that we have and I am sending it to you in hopes that you can put somebody to work on it there. It is probable that the Eddy papers would contain the solution of this problem.

By the way, I should like very much to know whether or not these papers contain much which might be of use in connection with my volume. I believe the selection which Thompson secured, and which we copied, comprised only a very small part of the whole collection.

Were I not afraid that you would be grievously insulted, I might remind you that you have on hand an unanswered letter from me.

Sincerely yours,

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

My dear Buck:

The package of cards came all right, for which I thank you.

I am sending you under separate cover the county histories which you request.

The Centennial Commission has not yet been appointed by the Governor and so I have no money as yet. I have no doubt, however, but that money will be available by the end of February and believe that Miss Relf should make the visit to Springfield which you write about. The money which you advance will also be reimbursed.

I wish to remind you that the "Survey of the Historical Activities for the Old Northwest" is coming due and hope that you will take time by the forelock so as to get the article to me by the tenth of April. I should like to get one copy out on time. I am missing Miss Doherty, who married a Mr. DeMott January 1, but on the whole we seem to get along.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

CWA:ES

February 10, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Alvord:-

I admire the way in which you assume that I am going to prepare the Historical Activities article again this year, but there is absolutely nothing doing. I gave notice to this effect a long time ago, so you have had plenty of warning.

There are several reasons why I cannot attempt it. In the first place, my own field of work is now outside the Old Northwest, but more important is the fact that I cannot possibly find the time to do it. I am able to spare but very little time for the work on the Illinois in 1818 volume, and should I undertake this, it would delay the work on that volume very materially. The task, moreover, is a thankless one, and I feel that it ought to be passed on to someone else. I would suggest Pease, or Cole, or Bearey.

I enclose a copy of a letter which I wrote to Mr. Paine yesterday in reply to one of his begging letters. I wonder if your sentiments and mine are in accord on these matters.

Sincerely yours

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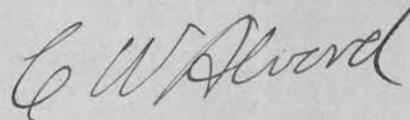
February 15, 1916

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

My dear Buck:

I am sorry that you cannot write
the Historical Activities. I put it up to
Quaife. Your letter to Paine I endorse
throughout.

Sincerely yours,



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February 16, 1916.

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

My dear Buck:

I enclose herewith the results of our investigation of the Eddy manuscripts on the Kimmel problem. Miss White and I went into it very carefully and have extracted for your use all the letters. These are copies of our copies so you need not return them. I enclose the original statement by Miss Relf.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

CWA:ES

February 19, 1916

Professor C. W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Many thanks for the transcript~~ed~~ of the Eddy material. Miss Relf has gone through them and has reached the conclusion that none of the Kimmels was located at Shawneetown for any considerable length of time. She thinks that Henry Eddy was the real editor of the paper and that the Kimmels' interests were financial only.

I hope you will succeed in inducing Quaife to attempt the "Historical Activities". Not that I have any grudge against him, but I think it will give him an appreciation of the amount of work involved in the preparation of such an article.

I ~~am~~ glad to know that we agree on the H. V. H. A. questions, and I hope I can get down to Nashville to help fight them out.

Sincerely yours

March 7, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Have there been no developments with reference to the Centennial Commission as yet? I have not heard what was done at the second special session of the legislature, and naturally I am very much interested.

Miss Relf is plugging along and has completed the first draft of several chapters. I am putting in as much time as I can and expect to write the second draft of the chapters myself.

I rather think that I shall attend the M. V. H. A. meeting in Nashville. Cox has written me rather indefinitely about taking part in the program. Do you not think it would be advisable to have a conference there of all directors of state historical activities who may be there?

I enclose two slips which were sent to me by Shearer regarding Illinois county items not in my bibliography.

You may want to add them to your office copy.

Cordially yours

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March 21, 1916.

Dr. Solon Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

N.B.
The Centennial Commission is finally organized. Dr. Schmidt is chairman of the committee and Green is chairman of the publication committee. Both of these men are continually asking me about your volume. President James last night dropped in to smoke a cigar, and asked me also about how Buck's volume was coming along. Will you kindly give me a definite date, as early as possible, so that I may make answer. As a matter of fact, I should like to send the volume to the press day after tomorrow if you can send it down. Otherwise, I will wait a few days.

I took up with Dr. Schmidt the matter of Miss Relf's journey to Springfield, and he told me that she might make the journey at any time and he would see that the money was forthcoming; so I think you had better send her right along, and ask her to drop over and see me when she does come.

I think that it would be a very good plan to have a conference of the Directors of State Historical activities at Nashville. Whether I can go there or not I do not know. I received a very despondent letter from Cox also asking me to take part in the program, and I was more generous than you and put both Miss White and myself on, - perhaps I should say more presuming.

Thank you very much for your items on County Histories.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Alvord

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March 23, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I have your letter of March 21, and am glad to learn that the Centennial Commission is organized. Much to my sorrow, however, you said not a word about the one thing which is concerning me most at the present time.

What shall I do about Miss Relf's salary? Dr. Schmidt paid it regularly until November 1st, then Miss Relf took six weeks off to prepare for her doctor's examination, coming back to work the middle of December. Since that time I have not had sufficient nerve to ask Dr. Schmidt for any more money and so have paid her salary myself, with the understanding that I was to be reimbursed when the money of the Commission should be available. I have now paid her \$75.00 a month for three months' services from December 15 to March 15, \$225.00 in all. Shall I have her make out a bill for this, and send it in with the understanding that she will reimburse me when she receives the money. If so, to whom shall I send it? Is it understood that I can continue her services at the expense of the Commission?

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I am glad that you are willing to wait a few days for the book, as it might hurry me a little to send it down day after tomorrow.

Speaking seriously, if Miss Relf's services are continued, the manuscript can probably be ready about the first of October. The first draft of about half the book is now written. It is very crude, however, and will require a great deal of work on my part to put it into shape. I have not had a chance since receiving your letter to take up with Miss Relf the proposed trip to Springfield, but will talk it over with her in a few days. It may be better for her to go down when I go to the M. V. H. A. meeting.

Please let me have a definite statement from you about the financial situation at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours

March 23, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I received your letter in response to my request for advice, and acted upon the suggestion contained in the postscript.

I have accepted the appointment and am going to canvass the field pretty thoroughly. I have written Paine for a list of the present officers which I do not seem to have. I should not be surprised if my choice for the presidency would be one of the present members of the board of editors of the Review. In fact, it seems to me that about all of the eligibles are on that board.

If you have any suggestions to make, I would be very glad, indeed, to have you send them along. I am going to do considerable corresponding in order to get at the sentiment of the members.

I sincerely hope that you decide to attend the meeting at Nashville, for I feel that the association is in a critical condition, and some of us have got to get together and rescue it.

Sincerely yours

March 29, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Alvord:-

I have received from Paine a list of the present officers of the M. V. H. A. and copies of the amendment relative to the service of ex-presidents on the executive committee, and the resolution relative to the advancement of vice-presidents. It would appear, therefore, that Ford, Paxon, Sioussat, and Moore are ineligible to the presidency. The names of Flemming, Barker, and Hulbert have occurred to me as possibilities. I am inclined to favor the first and to put Barker on the executive committee.

The nomination of the vice-presidents is now a ticklish matter as it bars a man from the presidency for two years. I have thought of Hodder and Dodd in this connection.

I believe the selection of the right men for the officers is a vital matter for the future of the association, and I will appreciate it very much if you will send me a frank statement of any ideas which you may have on the subject. This letter is confidential, of course, and your reply will be considered the same.

By the way, Paine writes that Harlan declined to serve on the nominating committee because his term as a

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member of the executive committee expires this year, he having been elected to fill an unexpired term. Apparently, he desires a re-election or some other office.

I have had letters from both Dr. Schmidt and Greene about my work for the Commission, and have reported to both of them along the same lines as my report to you. I asked Greene whether or not my work was to be continued under your general editorial direction.

Sincerely yours

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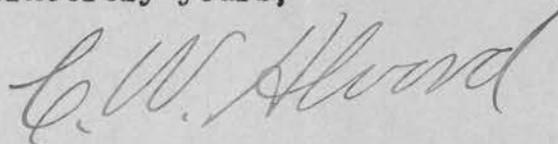
March 30, 1916.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

The budget for the centennial commission has been carefully worked out. I find that in our original plans no provision was made for your volume since it was expected that the manuscript would be ready last June, before the present appropriation would be available. For this reason the whole question of your employment of Miss Ralf is under consideration and I advise you not to involve yourself further in the matter of her salary. You know very well that we have too little money to put the centennial history through anyway without burdening it with the "Illinois in 1818."

Sincerely yours,



CWA:EB

P.S. Nothing is decided, but I send you this warning.

APR 5 1916

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
HISTORICAL REVIEW

CLARENCE W. ALVORD
MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

April 3, 1916.

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

My dear Buck:

I am rather disturbed about the situation in the M. V. H. A., and believe it will be necessary for you and me to get together. The editors will probably leave the naming of the four new men on the board in my hands, but whether the council with Rowland in the chair will or not is another matter. With Paxson going off the board of editors, unless we elect Quaife for this vacancy or to the presidency we leave Wisconsin without occupying any prominent position; but I have selected you for one of the editors and think that it would not be well to have two men from the far north, so that would eliminate Quaife. To be frank, I can name three of the board of editors now, -Buck, Cox, and Sioussat. Who should be the fourth man? Shall I pick Quaife or Hodder, or Justin H. Smith, or Burpee?

I give you these possibilities in order that you can make out your list. I believe it would be a great mistake to overlook Wisconsin. Is my resolution in regard to the vice-presidents so worded as to cut out Paxson? If it excludes him, then I believe that Quaife should be placed on the board of editors, and that probably will incense Shambaugh who has been booming Dan E. Clark for the place. I am afraid that whatever we do we are going to make enemies.

I now come to advising you or giving you my opinion of your job. It seems to me that Fleming is about the safest proposition if Paxson is ineligible. I see no reason why Harlan should not be re-elected. Your selection of vice-presidents is an excellent one, Hodder and Dodd or Dr. Schmidt, possibly the latter.

I am sorry that the situation in the Centennial Commission is not better. I only wish that I had taken into consideration the condition of your volume earlier, but that is a case of spilt milk.

Sincerely yours,

C W Alvord

CWA:ES

April 4, 1916

Professor C. W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

The enclosed letter is perhaps sufficiently explicit, but I feel the necessity of writing to you personally as well.

In the first place I want to thank you for the warning with reference to Miss Relf's salary contained in your letter of March 30. I think you will agree with me that the unfortunate situation which has developed is not altogether my fault. Just who else is to blame, I do not know because my information about the Centennial Commission and its work and plans has been very fragmentary since I left Illinois. Inasmuch as I was allowed to continue with the work, I naturally assumed that some provision would be made for it in the budget. In fact, my assumption of Miss Relf's salary took place only after having talked the matter over with you in Washington last December, and after the plan had received your approval. Of course, I realized then that you could not foretell to a certainty the action of the Commission in this matter, but I naturally supposed that you expected some provision to be made for the payment of this money and for the publication of the

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volume. If, as I gather from your letter, the present budget makes no provision for this volume, it seems to me that this fact must have been known to you for some time. I have been trying to get information out of you with reference to the situation for several months, but with very little success. I fully realize, however, that you are probably yourself in a somewhat awkward position, and by no means do I hold you responsible for the difficulties. I feel merely that had you kept me more fully informed of the situation and developments, some of these difficulties might have been avoided.

I enclose also a copy of Greene's letter which, as you will observe, comes pretty near to being insulting. I wrote a reply to it yesterday which this morning I decided not to send, although parts of it have been used in the circular letter. His assumptions as to "prior obligation" and "agreement" to have the volume done at a particular time are absolutely unfounded.

Dr. Schmidt's letter is more friendly, although he has evidently been influenced by Greene to my disadvantage. He writes of a "contract" although as a matter of fact, no contract was ever drawn up. I think the thing which worries me the most in the whole transaction is the fact that I am apparently in danger of losing Dr. Schmidt's

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friendship and respect.

I know that the enclosed letter is very long, and that you are very busy, but I trust that you will take the time to read it all through. Whatever the decision may be, my warm regards for you will not be diminished.

Sincerely yours

*For enclosure with this
see Dr. O. K. Schmidt file
Apr. 4, 1916.*

April 6, 1916

Professor C. W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I enclose a bill from the Wisconsin Historical Society against the Centennial Commission. The understanding was, as you will remember, that this bill would be put through as soon as funds should be available. I am in receipt of a letter from Quaife reminding me of the bill and requesting me to call it to your attention. ✓

Sincerely yours

April 6, 1916

Professor C. W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Alvord:-

I am inclined to think the council of the M. V. H. A. will accept your recommendations as to members of the board of editors. With reference to the fourth man, I should be strongly in favor of Burpee, for I believe he is a first class man and one who would do something; also I think it would be specially desirable to have a Canadian representative. My second choice among those whom you name would be Justin H. Smith. Hodder, I understand, has taken very little interest in the association.

Your resolution with reference to the vice-presidents does cut out Paxon from the presidency, but I do not think it necessary, therefore, to put Quaife on the board of editors. He is not a member of the executive committee and holds over for four more years, I think. He is also the editor of the Proceedings. If it seems desirable that Wisconsin should have further representation, why not elect Fish, who has never received any recognition from the association, to one of the vice-presidencies?

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When I see you I am going to tell you what I think of your vice-presidential resolution from the point of view of the nominating committee. I expect the people whom we nominate will think we are doing it to shelve them. I have another solution of the problem involved which I want to talk over with you at the first opportunity.

I take it from your letter that you are opposed to the re-election of members of the board of editors when their terms expire. I am not sure that this will prove to be a good policy in all cases.

With reference to the presidency an objection has been made to Flemming on the grounds that the position should not go to a southern man this year. I have been urged to nominate Dr. Schmidt for the presidency. What do you think about that? Dodd, I am informed, has recently cancelled his membership in the association and so cannot be considered.

How does the following strike you as a slate?
President, Dr. Schmidt; 1st V. P. Harlan; 2nd V. P. Fish;
new members of the executive committee, Alvord and Flemming;
or the following alternative; president Flemming; 1st V. P.
Dr. Schmidt; 2nd V. P. Fish; executive committee Alvord and
Harlan. I think it quite important that the managing

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editor of the Review should be a member of the executive committee.

By the way will the selection of the board of editors be made by the old or by the new committee?

Sincerely yours

April 8, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am receiving a number of protests against the vice-presidential resolution, and I feel that there is a good deal of point to some of them. As you know I am fully in sympathy with the purpose of the resolution but I do not believe it will work satisfactorily and I am quite sure that attempts will be made to repeal it.

I should like to know your opinion of the following solution of the problem which I believe would obviate all the difficulties. Amend the constitution to abolish the vice-presidents and increase the number of elective members of the executive committee to nine, three to be elected each year. Then direct the executive committee to designate one of its members to fulfil the duties of president in case that should be necessary. It seems to me this would have several advantages. It would eliminate both the promotion difficulty and the present danger of offending men by electing them vice-presidents. At the same time it would stabilize the executive committee to a certain extent, for under the present rule no man can be expected to hold a vice-presidency for more than one year and will thus have

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as vice-president only a very short term of service on the executive committee.

Do you know as yet whether or not you are going to Nashville?

I trust the Centennial Commission will reach a decision soon regarding the "Illinois in 1818" volume in order that I may make my plans accordingly.

Sincerely yours

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D. G. MCINTOSH, SECY.

April 15, 1916

Professor C. W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am sending you by express the first two chapters of Miss Relf's draft. The documents, extracts, etc., to be inserted are indicated on a preliminary page. Following page 25 of chapter 1 will be found a copy of a document in the Springfield archives. This copy is to be used provided you have on file another copy of the same document; otherwise it seems to me that a new copy should be made. Following page 10 of the same chapter will be found a typewritten copy of a document which you have in photostatic form, and it seems to me that this copy can be used without further transcribing.

I enclose also Miss Brown's thesis on Indian Affairs. First, in order that extracts from it as indicated by Miss Relf may be copied, and secondly in order that it may be available for Stevens and your archaeologist if they are considering the preparation of the chapter on Indians and the Fur Trade. In case it is decided to have this chapter prepared there, let me know and I will send on at once the photostatic copies from the Forsyth papers and other material which I have here.

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I am now going over the political chapters and I can see that the rewriting will be by no means an easy job.

Do you remember ^{of} examining and making notes for copying from a number of manuscript books in the office of the Secretary of State in Springfield a couple of years ago? My impression is that these include journals of the territorial legislatures which have never been printed, and that some arrangement was to be made for their being copied (by Miss Gorman, I believe). When you were here you said something about Miss Gorman having done certain copying and I am wondering if this is what you referred to. If so, it is quite important that Miss Relf and I have an opportunity to use these copies as soon as possible. If the material has not been copied, it ought to be, for there are various points connected with the political situation at the end of the territorial period which cannot be cleared up without a fuller knowledge of the workings of the territorial legislatures. Miss Relf has collected data which shows that the particular journals in question were not published at the time.

I shall be glad, of course, to hear the outcome of the meetings in Chicago.

I have a letter from Paine expressing entire approval of my proposition to abolish the vice-presidents and

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offering to present an amendment to that effect to the executive committee and if possible secure their approval so that the amendment can take effect this year. I am now endeavoring to frame a satisfactory amendment.

I find that the best way to go from Urbana to Nashville is to go over to Danville and take a through train on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois. I am planning, therefore, to leave here Monday night, April 24 and arrive in Champaign on the Illinois Central noon train Tuesday. We can then leave Urbana Wednesday at 7:41 P. M. on the Illinois Traction, arriving at Danville at 9:00 P. M. and leave there at 9:40 P. M. on a through train which will get us into Nashville at 7:49 A. M. Thursday. How does this itinerary strike you? The Illinois Central connections to Nashville are very unsatisfactory.

Sincerely yours

P. S. Do you want your set of our Collections sent to Lincoln Hall or to your house? If the latter please give me the number as I have forgotten it.

April 18, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Alvord:-

I enclose a draft of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the M. V. H. A. If you have any suggestions to make I would be glad to receive them. You will note that the chairman of the executive committee, who is to have the functions of a vice-president, is to be one of the ex-presidents, thus avoiding any presumption in his favor for promotion to the Presidency. To allow the executive committee to select the man to be raised to the presidency would, of course, be worse than the old system.

I have now been all through the narrative political chapters which Miss Relf has written, and have given much thought to the handling of the material. As a result I have now reached the conclusion that a modification of the plan for the volume would be desirable from every point of view. The inclusion of the extensive quotations from source material in the descriptive chapters will, I believe, be entirely satisfactory, but I am convinced that it will be impossible to include the documentary material in extenso in the narrative chapters without

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making them very unwieldy. The valuable and hitherto unused material bearing upon some phase of the admission of the state to the Union is much more extensive than I had realized, and it would be absolutely impossible to include all of it in the narrative chapters. Moreover what might be so used would, in many cases, have to be broken up in order to fit in with the discussion. For example, some of the communications published in the newspapers during the various contests are extremely significant and ought to be published entire, but are altogether too long to be so published as a part of the narrative of events.

My conclusion, therefore, is that it would be advisable to divide the volume into three parts: Part 1, a description of the state and its people in 1818; part 2, the admission of Illinois to the Union, beginning with a brief introductory statement of the political situation at the close of the territorial period and ending with the final admission by Congress in December 1818; part 3, documents relating to the admission of the state from the first suggestion in the newspapers in November 1817 to the final admission in December 1818. This would include in chronological order the material in the newspapers, the journal of the convention, possibly the journals of the first

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session of the first state legislature and the debates in Congress on admission; also such correspondence, etc., as may be available.

Besides the advantages above indicated, this plan would enable us to push the third part through and get it to the press in a very short time. I could indicate on our newspaper prints the parts to be copied and you could put one or two copyists at work immediately. In some cases I think the copy will have to be sent to St. Louis for collation with the original because of folds in the paper covering up part of the print, etc. Then too the documents could be set up in a smaller type than the remainder of the book.

I am quite sure that the writing of the narrative chapters with the possibility of referring to the complete documents in the same volume would be very much simplified. Of course, we can talk over the details of next week but I wanted to put the plan before you as soon as possible and I hope that it will meet with your approval. I feel quite sure that it will facilitate the early appearance of the volume.

Sincerely yours

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April 19, 1916.

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

My dear Buck:

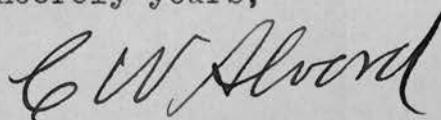
The chapters on Illinois in 1818 arrived safely and are now in the hands of the typists, and we are now at work on the general question of the make-up and illustrations. Stevens and Linton have promised to prepare the chapter on Indians and Fur Trade, so send the Forsyth.

I suppose that Miss Gorman's work was the copying of the journals. I shall write Mrs. Weber about it.

I expected to see you Tuesday, but I have decided that I have neither time nor money to go to Nashville. Will you be so kind as to take my place on the program for an account of the Centennial Celebration in Illinois? I shall be sorry not to be in Nashville, but I do not see how I can go.

Will you kindly send the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society to 1005 California Avenue.

Sincerely yours,



CWA-J

April 20, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Alvord:-

I find from Brigham's "Bibliography of Newspapers" that the American Antiquarian Society has issues of the Illinois Emigrant, Shawneetown, for October 17 and December 26, 1818. Scott mentions the second of these but not the first which appears to be the earliest extant issue of the Emigrant.

Can you not secure photostatic copies of these two issues? The first would be almost sure to contain material of value for my volume. I think a reproduction of a page of this issue and of one of the important issues of the Intelligencer during the year, would make desirable illustrations.

The Antiquarian Society has one other issue of the Emigrant, for March 6, 1819, but we already have a photostatic copy of this from the Library of Congress file.

Sincerely yours

April 22, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Alvord:-

I am sorry that you feel you must give up the trip to Nashville. I am perfectly willing to tell the assembled multitude what I know about the Illinois Centennial Celebration but my information is somewhat indefinite on a number of points. Perhaps it can be supplemented while I am in Urbana.

I am very glad that Stevens and Linton will prepare the chapter on Indians and Fur Trade and will send you a shipment of material. Of course, I will want to talk it over with them while I am there. I shall send along also some of the Intelligencer for the copying of material for the other chapters.

I enclose an outline of the volume as I now see it. ✓
I very much hope that you will agree with me as to the desirability of putting the political documents by themselves in Part III. Some of these documents from the Intelligencer are very interesting and significant, but they

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are altogether too long to be worked in successfully
with the narrative.

Expect me Tuesday noon on the Illinois Central.

We are sending the Minnesota Historical Collections
as requested. ✓

Sincerely yours

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416 LINCOLN HALL, URBANA, ILLINOIS

420 Lincoln Hall,
April 27, 1916.

Miss Frances Relf,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Miss Relf:

In checking up the cards with the photostats of the Western Intelligencer, I find that one sheet of the photostats is missing. It is the Western Intelligencer, January 1, 1818, page 3. Will you kindly send it at once?

Very truly yours,

Ruth A. Hodson

REH:MJ

Wood

April 28, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

We are in receipt of your letter of April 27 to Miss Relf requesting us to send you the missing sheet of the photostats; the Western Intelligencer, January 1, 1818, page 3. We mailed it to you this morning under separate cover, and trust that it will reach you safely.

Very truly yours

Secretary to the superintendent

May 3, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I got back here Monday morning, and am slowly digging through the accumulation on my desk.

First I want to tell you how much I enjoyed my short stay in Urbana and appreciated your hospitality.

Doubtless Libby told you all about the meeting and how smoothly the steam roller worked in spite of the illness of Paine. Libby and Connelley opposed the increase in dues and Quaife refrained from voting. Chambaugh, Cox, and Rowland voted for it and so it was carried. I had quite a time to get the executive committee to elect its chairman, but finally secured the election of Cox. It is best not to inquire how many members of the committee were present when this election occurred.

Libby doubtless told you what officers were elected. Paxson, president; executive committee, Lioustat (one year), Harlan (two years), Alvord, Violette, and Hulbert (three years). The board of editors of the Review is now the board of editors of the Association and has charge of all of its publications.

As a result of some remarks which I made in my talk

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on "The Functions of a State Historical Society" Shambaugh took me to his room and talked to me until two o'clock one night. I will tell you about it when I see you; you will be much interested.

I am writing to Miss Hodsdon about the work on my volume.

Sincerely yours

Alvord

May 3, 1916

Miss Ruth Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

Will you please send along the copies of the drafts of the two chapters of my book as soon as convenient?

If Mr. Alvord has not already written for the photostats of the two newspapers in the library of the American Antiquarian Society, I wish you would punch him up to attend to it. It would be best to order them sent directly to me. I am very anxious also to get hold of the copies made by Miss Gorman of material in the Springfield archives. Is there any copy available of Miss Scheftel's study on the Military Tract? If so, I should like one for consultation; also a copy of Miss White's paper on the Jefferson-Lemon Compact. I assume that the copying of the extracts from the Intelligencer is going forward rapidly and that you will send back the photostats as soon as a batch of them are completed.

I would suggest that the cards be stamped "copied" and that "held for collation" be penciled on the cards for those documents which have to be sent to St. Louis for

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collation. Then I would like all of the cards returned to me and when the copies come in from St. Louis, I will file them and erase the note on the cards.

Will you kindly tell me whether or not the illustrations in the recent volume of the Illinois Historical Collections are photogravures, and if not, what the process is by which they are made? I should like also to know the cost.

Sincerely yours

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

420 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
May 4, 1916.

*Book for
J. J. B.*

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am sending today by insured
Parcel Post the photostats to January 6, 1818;
also chapters one and two with the type-
written copy. You will notice that I have
not sent the typed copy of some of the photo-
stats. These must go to St. Louis to be
collated, and I will send them as soon as that
is done.

Very truly,

Ruth E. Hodson

REH:MJ

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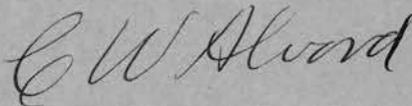
May 5, 1916.

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

My dear Buck:

There were four editors of
the Review elected at Nashville.
Which one serves the two year's term
in the place of VanTyne? Tentatively,
I am placing Burpee's name in the po-
sition.

Sincerely yours,



CWA:MJ

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Library,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

What do you know about the Childress
Diary? The question has arisen in regard to it.
It was my impression that this had been sent
back, and Miss Kile is at the present moment
looking for it in our library, but without suc-
cess.

Sincerely yours,

CW Alvord

CWA:MJ

May 6, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Alvord:-

I withdrew from the executive committee meeting when they took up the question of editors, but was told afterwards that when the point was raised of selecting one for the short term to succeed Van Tyne, Cox volunteered to take it and that was the understanding.

By the way have you assigned Haynes' Third Parties for review as yet? I hope it goes to Paxson. I have it for the American Historical Review and am somewhat embarrassed as Haynes has used my own work very extensively. If I say what I really think about the book, I feel Shambaugh will have no further use for me.

I have just received a letter from Dr. Schmidt telling me to send Miss Relf and he will pay her expenses and salary. I hardly know what to do about this. Miss Relf will be ready to start south in a week I think. She will go to Urbana first, of course, in order to confer with you and Miss Hodsdon. I do not think she will be able to do much more than complete the work on the census.

Sincerely yours

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Alvord

426 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.
May 8, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

I received your letter after I wrote a letter to you and sent the photostats and the two chapters of your book. The postoffice would not take the photostats as I first wrapped them, so they were returned and sent by registered mail, and there were a few more photostats included.

In reply to your questions, Mr. Alvord has written for the photostats of the newspapers in the library of the American Antiquarian Society and he has taken up the matter of getting the copies made by Miss Gorman of the material in the Springfield Archives. There is no available copy of Miss Scheftel's study. Miss White will send a copy of her paper. The illustrations in volume XI of the Illinois Historical Collections are photogravures and cost approximately \$60 a piece.

The cards have been stamped as you suggested and the work is progressing rapidly. Although we are not at the bottom of the pile of photostats as yet, we probably will be by the end of the week, so perhaps you had better send us more.

Very truly yours,

Ruth A. Hodson

RH:JR

May 9, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I have a fairly distinct recollection of having returned the Childress Diaries after they had been copied. They were kept in a little unateboard box in one of the drawers of the filing case. Thompson borrowed them for us and if I remember correctly he had something to do with returning them. Have you looked for correspondence relating to them in my letter file?

Sincerely yours

May 9, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

I am in receipt of chapters one and two and of the package of photostats and copies. I did not receive the cards, however, and will appreciate it very much if you will have them stamped and penciled as suggested in my previous letter and send them on to me. I rely upon these ~~cards~~ to keep track of the material for me.

On Saturday I mailed to you the remainder of the photostats from which copies are to be made at present, and in a separate package the corresponding cards.

I presume your letter of May 4 was written before you received my recent letter. If you can give me any information about the prospects of my receiving the material copied by Miss Gorman in Springfield in the near future, I will appreciate it very much. Miss Relf expects to start for Illinois the latter part of this week, and I should like very much to see this material and go over it with her before she leaves.

Sincerely yours

May 10, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Miss Relf will arrive in Urbana Saturday noon and will look you up immediately. She plans to take a trunk with her to Urbana and make that her headquarters. If you or some of the girls in the office can find a place for her to stay in the neighborhood of the University, it will probably be more convenient than at the hotel.

Sincerely yours

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Alwood

May 13, 1916.

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

My dear Sir:

I am sending by registered mail today the cards from November 20, 1817 to July 1, 1818 with the annotations on them as you suggested; also photostats from May 13 to July 1 and the typed copies of these. I received the photostats and the corresponding cards that you sent me.

You have probably received my letter of the 8th which answered the questions in your letter of May 3. I received a copy of the Chicago Historical Society Annual Report and noted the reference that you speak of.

Very truly yours,

Ruth A. Hodson

RH:JR

A. Wood

May 17, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodson
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodson:-

I have your letters of May 8 and 13 and appreciate your prompt replies to my questions. The last shipment of photostats, copies, and cards has also arrived.

I am returning the photostats to you as Miss Relf took the remainder of the file with her to Urbana, and I think it should all be kept together. These sheets should be put in their proper places in the file. It will not be necessary to send any more of the photostats or of the copies to me as I already have as many as I will be able to make use of here. I should like to receive the cards, however.

If my present plans are carried out I will be in Urbana by the first of June or possibly a day or two earlier.

Sincerely yours

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MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

May 20, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will send me at your earliest convenience a copy of the paper presented by you at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, held at Nashville, Tennessee, in order that it may be considered for publication in the Proceedings or the Review.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Alvord
LW

LOW:MJ

May 22, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

The receipt of a form letter asking for a copy of the paper presented by me at the M. V. W. A. meeting caused me to smile. It also reminded me to write to you to the effect that I will probably be in Urbana by Wednesday or Thursday of next week, and if you can locate any convenient garage in which I can keep my car, I will appreciate it very much.

Root informs me that I can have a room at the Club.

Sincerely yours

July 11, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I enclose herewith a check for one dollar as my share of the payment for the flowers for Paine's funeral. You had doubtless given up any hopes of ever receiving this, but I did manage to think of it finally.

I am sending to Miss Hodson today chapter 9, which is I believe the best chapter I have written yet. Chapter 10 is nearly finished and will go forward in a few days. I am planning to ship along the whole thing at the end of the week, so that the entire manuscript will be in your hands by the middle of July. I have not yet received Stevens' work but expect that it will be in today or tomorrow.

Miss Relf returned from Springfield with a very valuable map which she had constructed showing the location of all lands entered in the state to the end of 1818, with the exception of a small strip along the Wabash which was a part of the Vincennes land office and the records of which are doubtless in Indianapolis. Shall we make an attempt to secure the data to fill out this strip or let the map go

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as it is.

The problem of the Michael Joneses is finally settled. Miss Relf has killed off the register of the land office in 1822, and as you know the Shawneetown lawyer was active in Illinois politics for many years after that.

Notestein was visiting in Lincoln recently and had a talk with a personal friend of his, Guernsey Jones, of the University about filling Paine's place. Jones has a brother who edits the local paper and he told Notestein that if we would recommend a trained man for the place, he thought they could put it over. It seems that some woman other than Mrs. Paine is trying to ~~get~~ it, but so far without success. The position pays two thousand.

The first name which occurs to me is that of Cole, but I don't suppose he would accept it. Certainly Illinois could not afford to let him accept it. Barker suggests Kellar and I have thought of him but I don't ~~believe~~ he would want to give up his present job, especially as the salary is just the same.

I trust that the hot spell has cured your rheumatism by this time.

Sincerely yours

Alford

July 11, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

I am sending by express to Mr. Alford chapter 9 of the book which is ready for copying. The footnotes have been inserted in the margin or occasionally between lines in the text. I think you will have no difficulty in preparing them from the data given. I have gone over the chapter carefully and do not think there will be any necessity of returning it to me until after it has been read by Mr. Alford and Miss White.

With chapter 9 I am sending my copy of the issue of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society which contains the "Journal" of the convention. I am sending this because the chapter calls for the copying of passages which I have marked in it. The page references are to the "Journal" of the convention and not to the pages of the magazine. Please see that the magazine is returned to me.

By the way I intended to look into the transcript of the Messenger papers while I was there but forgot all about it. Messenger was a member of the convention and prominent generally during this period and there may be some material of value for the book in the papers. Would

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it be possible for you or some one else, (perhaps Stevens would do it) to look over these papers prior to 1820 and make notes or copies of any which might be of use to me.

You will be interested to know that Miss Relf has killed off one of the Michael Joneses, in 1822. As the other one was active in politics for some time after that, this proves definitely that there were two. She brought back from Springfield a very valuable map which she made there, showing all land entries up to the end of 1818. We will certainly want to reproduce this in the book.

Please tell Stevens that the fur-trade material has just arrived. I will write him about it later.

I fear that Urbana is not quite so attractive as a summer resort as it was when I was there. I am taking a swim in Lake Calhoun every day to keep me in working trim.

Sincerely yours

JUL 18 1916

July 12, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Would you kindly send your original draft
of chapter eight, The Convention Campaign, for there
seems to be three pages missing from the typed copy.

Yours truly,

Ruth E. Hodson

RH:JR

July 13, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

Yesterday I discovered that Mr. Holbrook to whom we sent blanks for application for your Illinois Survey assistants ~~was~~ never received the blanks nor the letter. He is very much interested in the position and I am quite sure that you could not possibly make a better appointment. If you have not already filled the place, I would suggest that you have another application blank sent to him and he will fill it out and return it immediately. If directed to Franklin H. Holbrook, 4739 Upton Ave. So., Minneapolis, it will probably reach him this time.

Tomorrow morning I expect to ship to you the entire manuscript of the book, with the exception of what you already have. At the same time I will write a formal letter stating that the manuscript is completed, but that if parts of it can be returned while the remainder is being prepared for the press, I will be glad to give it some further revision. The parts which should be returned are chapters

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1-5 inclusive, and it will be well, of course, to get them back to me just as soon as possible, as the work will necessarily be held up while they are gone.

Stevens' manuscript which came in a couple of days ago is an excellent piece of work and I expect to do little more with it than to prune it of some superfluous language. Linton's material, on the other hand, will not be of very much use to me. I doubt not but what it is good material but somehow it does not seem to fit in with the rest of the book.

If you and Miss White have finished your reading of any of the chapters, and Miss Hodson has prepared the notes, I would suggest that they be sent on to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours

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416 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

July 13, 1916.

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

My dear Buck:

Just a word to acknowledge the receipt of the dollar, and to say that unless the map of the Land Occupation can be filled out at a very small expense from the data in Indianapolis, I should advise against it.

What you write about Paine's position is interesting, but as I pointed out when you were here, we have no one capable of taking the job. I am ready to use my influence to the farthest extent to put a good man in that position.

Sincerely yours,

CW Alvord

CWA:MJ

July 14, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
Editor Illinois Centennial Commission
426 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am sending you by express chapters 1-5 and 10 of "Illinois in 1818". These with the chapters which you already have complete the manuscript, and I trust that they will reach you by the middle of July as desired by the publication committee.

As you know, this work has been done under great pressure and it has not received as much revision as I should like to give it. Should it be possible, while part of the manuscript is being prepared for the press, to return the rest of it to me, I would be very glad to give it some further revision. This need not in any way delay the progress of the book and besides improving the manuscript, it would I believe facilitate your editorial work upon it.

In view of the amount of money which I have advanced in connection with the preparation of this manuscript, I will appreciate it if the payment can be made in the near future.

Sincerely yours

Alford

July 15, 1916

Miss Ruth E. Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

Yesterday morning I expressed to Mr. Alford the remainder of the manuscript of the Illinois in 1818 volume in order that he could truthfully say that the whole manuscript was in his hands by the middle of the month. I have written him requesting him to return to me the first five chapters for further revision while the others are being prepared for the press.

I have just learned that Mr. Alford leaves Sunday for his vacation, and the package will probably not reach there until after he has gone. I will appreciate it very much if you will open the package and return to me chapters 1-5 just as soon as possible in order that my work upon them may not be delayed.

Did you receive the draft of chapter 8 which I sent you a couple of days ago? I trust that you will be able to fill in the gaps without difficulty.

Will you see if you can locate the maps of Indian Sessions, etc., which Mr. Linton made and if so, send

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them to me at once in order that I can use them in working over the first chapter? He showed them to me but retained them, I think, in order to do some more work on them.

I think that a facsimile of part of the original Constitution of 1818 which is kept in the office of the secretary of state at Springfield would make a very desirable illustration for the book.

Sincerely yours

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
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St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am returning by express today chapters 1 to 5 and 8, also the maps that you wanted from Mr. Linton. I am enclosing a ^{blue}~~few~~ prints that belongs to you or perhaps Miss Relf. Mr. Stevens is working on the Messenger papers now; *I am sending copies of 2 letters in the package.*

Mr. Alvord left yesterday, so there is not very much being done on your book at present. I will fix up the footnotes in chapter 10 this week, and the other chapters are finished--that is, as much as I can do on them.

I envy you your swim in Lake Calhoun, for the thermometer is registering around the 100 mark here.

Very truly yours,

Ruth E. Hodson

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My dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Alvord has left on his vacation, and in his absence I am answering your recent letter.

The place for which Mr. Holbrook applied has been filled.

The manuscript of chapters 1 to 5 and chapter 10 has been received. I am returning chapters 1 to 5 with some additional material from Miss Hodsdon. Mr. Alvord has not, as yet, looked over any of the work; he will doubtless take it up the first thing when he returns.

I have sent Professor Greene and Dr. Schmidt a formal announcement that the manuscript has been received, mentioning your request that payment be made promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Leila C. White

Private Secretary.

LOW:MJ

July 19, 1916

Professor Clarence W. Alvord
416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

I am sending you enclosed some sheets of the Folkebladet, a Norwegian paper containing an article in English by Theodore C. Bløgen, on the Minnesota Historical Society. This article deals especially with the society's activities in the field of Scandinavian-American history. You may possibly be able to cull something from it for a note in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

Sincerely yours

Alford

July 25, 1916 ✓

Miss Ruth E. Hodsdon
420 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Hodsdon:-

I am sending by express addressed to Professor Alvord the manuscript of chapter 1. This, you will note, runs in two paginations, as I have used Stevens' draft for the second part of it. I think you will have no trouble putting it together, however.

The footnotes for the first part are in the margins, etc.; for the second part they are all together at the end. These footnotes of Stevens' should, I think, be considerably condensed and consolidated. I have indicated, for example, the way in which the first four might be consolidated into one and condensed by omitting the titles of documents when it is possible to refer to specific pages of specific volumes. I have indicated in the margins other notes which might well be consolidated in somewhat the same way.

I think the whole chapter had better be recopied, as it would be difficult to give it further revision in its present shape. I cannot tell much about its length as it is now, but imagine that it will be pretty long. When it comes back to me I may be able to cut it down some more.

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Do you know anything about the whereabouts of a photostat of a map by Forsyth showing the location of Indian villages, etc.? This was made from the original in the Draper manuscripts, but I do not find it among the Draper manuscript photostats which were returned to me. I want it to use in connection with my account of the location of the Indians.

I would be interested to know what progress is being made with the editorial work on the other chapters. If the book is to come out this year, I sincerely believe that these chapters had better be sent to me for final revision as soon as possible and then sent to press.

Sincerely yours

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*Alvord*420 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
July 27, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter is at hand as I am leaving on my vacation. I cannot find the photostat of a map of Forsyth, but I will ask Mr. Stevens to make a thorough search. The last five chapters have been typed and the footnotes made. Miss White has read them, but Professor Alvord has not and as he has gone on his vacation and will not be back before the 15th at the earliest, I do not think you will get your chapters very soon. I hardly see how the book can get out this year, though, of course, if I work extra time after my vacation, we may be able to do it. Any letter that you may wish to write to me will be forwarded from this office.

Very truly yours,

Ruth H. Hodson

REH:MJ