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Office of the Secretary of the Council
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois
8 January 1916

My dear Sir,-

I have the honor to notify you that the Executive Council of the American Historical Association, at its meeting in Washington, on December 27, appointed you a member of the Public Archives Commission, for the year 1916. The members of this Commission are, Messrs. V. H. Paltsits, Chairman, C. W. Alvord, S. J. Buck, J. C. Fitzpatrick, G. S. Goddard, C. C. Moore, and T. M. Owen.

I should be glad to receive a note signifying your acceptance.

Very truly yours,



Secretary of the Council.

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

January 22, 1916

Mr. Everts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I am very glad to accept
the appointment to the Public Archives Commis-
sion of the American Historical Association
for the year 1916.

Sincerely yours

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois
March 21, 1916

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

Dear Mr. Buck,-

The new Centennial Commission has just been organized with Dr. Schmidt as chairman of the commission. I have been appointed chairman of the Publication Committee and am expecting to prepare a rather full report for the new members of the Committee on the present status of the work. I should like, therefore, a statement from you about your volume on Illinois in 1818, the manuscript of which, I understand, was to be ready this year. It is of considerable importance for the proper presentation of our work to the next legislature that these volumes should be available for distribution during the winter session of 1917. I shall appreciate an early reply.

Sincerely yours,

Evarts A. Allen

March 25, 1916

Mr. Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I have your letter of March 21, with reference to my work for the Centennial Commission. I am very glad to learn that the Commission has been organized, and hope that no further difficulties will be experienced in carrying out the plans.

The work on my volume, Illinois in 1818, has been progressing throughout the winter, although I have been able personally to devote but little time to it. You will readily understand that the executive work connected with the Minnesota Historical Society and its library, together with my teaching at the University, has left me little time for other work.

I have had the assistance on this volume, however, of a competent woman, Miss Frances Relf, who has just received her doctor's degree in history from the University, and she has collected and worked over a considerable amount of material at my direction, and has written the first draft of about half of the proposed book. It is my intention to write the second draft myself. It will be desirable, I think, for Miss Relf to make a trip to Illinois in a month or two in order to check up some points for which

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material is not available here. I have had some correspondence with Mr. Alvord about this. With the close of the University in June, I will have more time to devote to the volume, and if Miss Relf's services can be continued, I hope to have the manuscript completed by October 1.

By the way, am I correct in understanding that Professor Alvord is to have general editorial supervision over this volume? That was the impression which I got some time ago from Dr. Schmidt.

Sincerely yours

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315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois
March 31, 1916

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

Dear Dr. Buck,-

I have your letter of March 25. Replying to your question I will say that your understanding, that Professor Alvord is expected to have supervision of the whole series of Centennial Historical publications, including your volume, is correct.

I must say frankly that I am disappointed and embarrassed by this delay in the completion of your volume. In the beginning of our discussion a good deal of stress was laid on getting this volume out early and the agreement was, I believe, that it should be ready in 1915. At the time you left the University there was some objection made in the Publication Committee to your continuance in this work on the ground that the nature of your new responsibilities would make it impossible for you to fulfill your engagements. At that time I expressed the opinion that you would regard this as a prior obligation and put it through. I am now obliged to admit that I was wrong.

If there is the least doubt about completing the manuscript by the early autumn, I think the best thing

for you to do is to turn it over to professor Alvord who will doubtless arrange to have the work done here.

I appreciate of course fully the difficulties of an administrative position such as you hold but I think you will also realize the importance of ^{our} coming before a new commission with some tangible evidence of work accomplished.

Sincerely yours,

Everts Bruce

*For reply to this
letter see "O. F. Schmidt"
file Apr. 4, 1916.*

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

315 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
December 11, 1916.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I went over to the Mudlavia Sanitarium last Saturday for a conference with Professor Alvord. I found his health apparently much better than when he left Urbana, but it is the opinion of his physician that he ought not to resume his work as yet. It has been agreed that for the present I should assume the responsibility for the management of the editorial office in order that it might not be necessary to refer matters back and forth between here and Mudlavia. The necessity of devoting his attention to such matters has somewhat retarded Mr. Alvord's recovery.

I shall be obliged if you will write to me regarding any questions which may come up about your volume. As you know, my colleagues on the Centennial Commission are quite insistent about the work of publishing proceeding as rapidly as possible. For this reason, the proof-reading will have to be handled in the office here. I will ask, however, that one copy of the proof be sent to you, though we cannot

promise to wait for its return before forwarding our copy to the printer. I regret the circumstances which make this procedure necessary; but we have some compensation in the fact that Miss Hodsdon is a very accurate proof-reader, and the proof will also be read by Dr. Pease, who is of course pretty familiar with the subject matter.

Sincerely yours,

Wants B. Green

December 14, 1916

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Professor Greene:-

I have your letter of December 11 and am glad to know of the plans with reference to the Illinois in 1818 volume. I shall endeavor to read and return the proof as rapidly as possible. Should any come in during my absence to attend the A. H. A. meeting, it will have to await my return, I suppose.

I have every confidence in Miss Hodsdon's ability as a proof reader, but I hope that I may have the privilege of making essential changes in proof. I shall endeavor to keep these to the minimum, but it should be remembered that I have not seen any of the manuscript after it received editorial revision at the hands of Miss White and Professor Alvord, nor have I at any time had an opportunity to go over it as a whole, so that there may be duplications or inconsistencies in different parts of the manuscript.

I should like to enquire what the prospects are for compensation for my work and expenditures for assistance and otherwise in connection with the preparation of the volume. I asked Professor Alvord about this in one of my letters last summer and have written him about it once or twice since, but he has failed to mention it in his replies to my letters.

Sincerely yours

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315 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois,
December 18, 1916.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter of December 14. With regard to the proof, I now think it likely that the pressure will not be quite so great as I had at first expected, since it is obviously impossible now to get the volume out during the present state administration. I think, therefore, that corrections which you can forward promptly to Miss Hodsdon will stand a good chance of being made.

I think that the matter of your compensation has probably been delayed as a result of Professor Alvord's illness. Until very recently I thought the money had been paid. I realize now that the matter has not been attended to, and will take it up with Dr. Schmidt, the Chairman of the Commission, today.

The action taken by the Publication Committee with respect to your compensation was as follows:

"It was voted that Professor Alvord be requested to confer with Dr. Buck at once and offer him the following terms: (1) that if the manuscript of the said volume is

satisfactorily completed and in the hands of the editor by July 15, 1916, Mr. Buck is to receive \$600; (2) that if the manuscript is completed by August 1, the compensation is to be \$500 only, provided that in either case the sum indicated shall be accepted in full settlement for services rendered and expenses incurred in the preparation of the manuscript; provided further that if this offer is not accepted the manuscript is to be turned over to the general editor."

I assume that Professor Alvord's statement to you was made in accordance with the action of the Publication Committee.

Some question was raised as to whether the manuscript was sufficiently complete by July 15 to meet the conditions of the agreement, and that was doubtless responsible for a part of the delay. I expect to write you again in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Everts B. Brew

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*Office of the Secretary of the Council,
315 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Ill.*

January 3, 1917.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Executive Council of the American Historical Association has appointed you a member of the Public Archives Commission for the year 1917. I should be pleased to receive from you a note indicating your acceptance of this appointment.

The members of this Commission are: Victor Hugo Paltsits, Esq., Chairman; Messrs. Clarence W. Alvord, Solon J. Buck, John C. Fitzpatrick, George S. Godard, Thomas M. Owen, C.N. Fuller, Peter Guilday.

Very truly yours,

Evarts B. Greene OS.
Secretary of the Council.

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

January 12, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I have your letter of January 3
informing me of my appointment as a member of the
Public Archives Commission of the American Historical
Association for the year 1917. It gives me pleasure
to accept the appointment.

Very truly yours

January 19, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to Miss Hodsdon.

Inasmuch as I have requested several times before the return of the original draft of my manuscript after it had been copied, and my requests have been ignored, I am appealing to you to see to it that it is sent.

I am decidedly surprised at some of the changes which have been made in my manuscript. Had these changes been submitted to me before the manuscript went to the press, I would have had no complaint to make, but I object very strongly to such radical revision without my having any opportunity to compare the new versions with the original. In some cases, matter has been transferred from one place to another in the text without proper adjustment of the transitions. It is evident that this work was done hastily, and so far as I can judge from my recollection of the original manuscript, I believe that many of the changes made in the first and second chapters, have not been improvements.

I realize fully that the situation is a result of unavoidable circumstances, principally Professor Alvord's illness, and I feel sure that had he been in position to do this work of revision himself and to give it careful consideration, the result would have been different. I am quite willing to make the best of the situation, therefore, and if the original manuscript is returned to me, I will make my revisions at once and send back the proof regularly within a day or two after its receipt. If this is done and any questions arise as to acceptance of such changes as I may indicate, I trust that the matter may be referred to you for final adjustment. I do not feel that it is quite fair to me for the final decision in such matters to rest with Mr. Alvord's assistants.

When I saw you at Cincinnati you told me, I believe, that Dr. Schmidt had approved a voucher for the six hundred collars which I was to receive for this work. I have not re-

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ceived the check as yet, nor have I heard anything further about the matter. I have no desire to hurry matters, of course, but I trust that there has been no further hitch.

Very truly yours

JAN 24 1917

EVARTS B. GREENE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-URBANA
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OTTO L. SCHMIDT, CHAIRMAN
CHICAGO

JESSIE PALMER WEBER, SECRETARY
SPRINGFIELD

Illinois
Centennial Commission
Springfield, Ill.

January 22, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter of January 19 did not reach me until this morning. Last Friday or Saturday, however, Miss Allen told me of your desire to see the original draft of your manuscript, and it was, I understand, forwarded promptly.

The other chapters will also be sent you.

It is probably not worth while for us to review again all the circumstances connected with the preparation of the manuscript of your volume for the press. It is, as President Cleveland remarked, "a condition and not a theory that confronts us;" so there will have to be as much mutual consideration as possible in view of the trying circumstances. In the meantime, any errors which you may note in the manuscript will be promptly corrected, and on all points of substantial difference I have asked Miss Hodsdon to refer the question to me. I expect to read myself all

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the galley proof as it comes in, though I am more rusty on the subject than I could wish.

The pressure on us to get the volume through is, of course, pretty strong, but I believe that we shall be able to hold it long enough to give you a day or two for your corrections, which, I trust, may be made as conservative as possible.

With regard to your voucher I am sure that you should receive a warrant within a few days; I think the delay so far is not more than I usually experience in the payment of my own expense accounts. If, however, you do not receive a check within a few days, please let me know, and I will take the matter up with Mrs. Weber.

It is perhaps proper for me to say in connection with Miss Hodsdon that she has been under a very great strain during the last few weeks because of the heavy responsibilities imposed upon her, not only in connection with the Centennial work, but also in the preparation of the succeeding issues of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

Anything you may do or say ^{to show} that these difficulties are appreciated will, I think, help in the smooth transactions of your business with her.

Sincerely yours,

Everts Blume

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OTTO L. SCHMIDT, CHAIRMAN
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JESSIE PALMER WEBER, SECRETARY
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Illinois
Centennial Commission
Springfield, Ill.

January 24, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

We shall probably have all the galley proof by the end of this week, and the time has come when we shall have to make up the illustrations and send in the front matter. I shall be obliged if you will send down by the first of next week your author's preface and the map which you now have.

Sincerely yours,

Evarts B. Greene

January 25, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I received your letter of January 22
yesterday morning.

The first installment of manuscript did not reach me until noon yesterday, delayed I suppose by the storm. I worked on it until two o'clock last night, and am returning the first two chapters of revised proof to Miss Hodsdon this morning. I will appreciate it very much if you will give your personal attention to the changes which I have suggested. I have included only such as seemed to me to be especially important, and have omitted many others which I should like to make and which I believe would improve the work.

My principal objections to the chapters as they stand are the insertion of new paragraphs which I never saw and which do not express my ideas, and the omission of a large proportion of the footnote references. When preparing the manuscript, I made an especial effort not to encumber it with unnecessary footnotes, and the number of notes included was comparatively small. I find, however, that a large proportion of these have been eliminated and I am utterly unable to discover any consistent principles which have been applied in their elimination. Frequently the most important references have been sacrificed and the least important retained. It would almost seem as if the plan had been to merely leave in a few references here and there in order to give the book the appearance of being properly documented. For example, there are frequent references in chapter 2 to laws of the United States government, for all of which the Statutes at Large were cited. Some of these have been cut out and the rest left in, although it is impossible to conceive of any reason why a reference should be given for one Statute and not for the others.

The fact that the footnotes are numbered consecutively throughout makes it difficult to restore these references. Some of them, however, are absolutely essential. So far as possible, I have combined them with notes already there in order not to affect the numbering. In the few cases where

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this was impossible, they can be handled by means of stars. I realize that it is the desire of the Commission to make the book somewhat popular and, therefore, to keep down the number of footnotes. I feel very strongly, however, that there should be some logical system as to the inclusion or exclusion of references to sources used, and I should prefer to have all footnote references eliminated rather than to have the work come out in its present form. I might add that I have not attempted to restore all, but only the most essential of the references which were dropped.

I quite agree with you that we must make the best of a difficult situation, and I assure you that I am ready to cooperate to the fullest extent of my abilities, and my only motive in asking for these changes is the improvement of the work, in order that it may be creditable not only to myself, but to everyone connected with it.

I know that Miss Hodsdon has had a great deal of responsibility imposed upon her and that she has done the best she could to carry out the directions which she has received. In some cases, however, I presume that these directions have been misunderstood. At any rate, it seems to me that the responsibility of determining what references to authorities should be included, ought to be left with the author rather imposed upon an editorial assistant. It is the author who will ultimately be held responsible for the result.

I have asked Miss Hodsdon to return my revised proof to me after the changes have been transferred to the official copy and also to have a set of the revised galley proof or of first page proof sent to me; likewise proof of the maps. I trust that this may be done.

Sincerely yours

January 27, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter which I have just dictated to Miss Hodsdon.

In view of the character of the references, I consider it essential that the book be provided with a bibliography. Otherwise the user would find it impossible to locate many of the references from the brief titles given. In the case of many of the books of travel used, there are several different editions with different pagination and, therefore, an indication of the edition used is important. This could be made very well in the bibliography.

I am somewhat worried about the manuscript of chapter 6, which Miss Hodsdon wrote that she was sending with the first installment. The package, however, contained only chapters 1-5 inclusive. I cannot do anything with this chapter without the manuscript, of course, and it needs revision badly.

The map which I still have will be sent in on Monday, and I will take up the preface as soon as I complete the revision of the proof on hand.

I should like to have the book entitled as follows:

ILLINOIS IN 1818

A Survey of the Social, Economic, and Political Condition; and
an Account of the Admission of the State to the Union.

Under my name on the title page; I should like to have printed both "Minnesota Historical Society" and "University of Minnesota".

Sincerely yours

EVARTS B. GREENE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-URBANA
CHAIRMAN
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OTTO L. SCHMIDT, CHAIRMAN
CHICAGO

JESSIE PALMER WEBER, SECRETARY
SPRINGFIELD

Illinois
Centennial Commission
Springfield, Ill.

January 30, 1917

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have your letter of January 25,
together with yours of January 27 to Miss Hodsdon.

The galley proof is being read here
by Miss Hodsdon, Mr. Pease, and myself. My part
of it, aside from a rather rapid reading of the
whole, must be confined mainly to making decisions
in those cases in which your suggestions differ
from those of the other readers. I can not give the
final decision until both Miss Hodsdon and Mr. Pease
have done their work. I can only indicate now the
general principles on which I shall try to proceed.

The early chapters, as you know, were gone
over by Professor Alvord, working with the help of
Miss White, who went over to Mudlavia for this pur-
pose; and the reduction in the number of footnotes
was, I understand, in accordance with the general policy

which he adopted. One principle which was recognized in the reduction of footnotes was that of retaining them when needed to locate quotations. Some of the additions which you suggest are, I think, proper, and I expect to include them in the revised proof. In some cases where the facts are of a kind fairly familiar to the student of the subject it seems to me that the references are hardly needed by the scholar and would not be missed by the general reader.

Miss Hodsdon has doubtless written you by this time that the book will include a bibliography giving, first, the titles of the books which are cited in the footnotes; and, secondly, those not appearing in the text which are included in your original copy or appear necessary to identify quotations.

I appreciate, of course, the importance of not incorporating in the book facts and opinions which seem to the author incorrect. On the other hand, there are certain questions of style and form which seem to be relatively unimportant. On these I shall be influenced necessarily by the fact that we are painfully limited both as to time and money. Much against my own wishes the Commission was obliged to accept a linotype composition which, of course, adds very much to the expense of correction since a small change will involve the resetting of a whole line. This, of course, applies also to the question of footnotes.

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Unquestionably the numbering of the footnotes continuously through the book was unfortunate and complicates the problem of proof correction.

As to the title page, the title "Illinois in 1818" has, of course, been agreed upon. The Publication Committee is inclined to a rather simple page, and I think that we should prefer to have the rather long sub-title indicated. We are also rather inclined to give simply the author's name, omitting degrees, titles, etc. If you feel strongly on either of these points, let me know, and I will take the matter up again with the Publication Committee.

We have just been having an extremely trying time with our illustrations, which involve much greater expense than Professor Alvord had apparently allowed for. In the end, however, I think we are going to have a rather interesting set of them.

One other point I did not speak of. It is now, in my opinion, too late and would be too expensive to make the radical change in the typography of the newspaper quotations which you have suggested. There is something to be said for your view of the matter, but I cannot think it quite important enough to justify the expense under present conditions.

Sincerely yours,

Everts Brewster

January 31, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I have now returned to Miss Hodsdon the proof of chapters 1-7 inclusive, and hope to be able to complete my work on the remainder in a few days. This morning I received the proof of the bibliography.

For my preface I need some additional information which you can probably supply. In the first place, I should like to know whether or not there is to be an editor's introduction, and if so, about what ground it will cover, in order that I may not duplicate. Secondly, I am not quite sure just what parts of the work have been done by the different people in Urbana. I understand that Miss Hodsdon, Miss White, and Miss Allen have all worked on the book. I should like to know to whom to give acknowledgment for (a) the bibliography; (b) the index, etc; or would it be better to lump them all together?

Very truly yours

P. S. I have just received a letter from Miss Hodsdon in which she states that she has referred the matter of additional footnotes to you and understands that you will write me about it; also that Professor Alvord and Miss White decided what should be cut out. This work must have been done very hurriedly, and I am quite sure that if I could have had a talk with Mr. Alvord about it, I could have convinced him of the desirability of a somewhat different handling of the footnotes. In some of the chapters which I have just been working on, notes have been combined with other notes in such a way as to bring them four or five pages from the text with which they belong. This will certainly be extremely confusing to any one who tries to make use of the footnotes.

I am quite sure that had someone not familiar with the material used gone over the manuscript of Professor Alvord's recent work on the "Mississippi Valley in British Politics" and eliminated about half of the footnote references, without any apparent logical basis of selection, he would have objected very strenuously. If the theory is that the number of footnote

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must be reduced in order to make the book more "popular", I would respectfully submit that the only logical thing to do in that case would be to cut out all footnote references. I should greatly regret to have this done, but I should certainly prefer it to the present haphazard arrangement.

I expect that you are greatly bored by my numerous letters, but I feel very strongly about this and to a certain extent, my reputation is involved. Consequently I do not want to let it go by default.

February 6, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I received your letter of January 30, and am glad to know that you expect to include some of the additional footnotes which I have suggested. I quite agree with you that in "cases where the facts are of a kind fairly familiar to the student of the subject" references are not always necessary, and I have tried not to include them in such cases as this. Some which might perhaps fall in this classification I have inserted, however, for the sake of uniformity. For example, I cannot see why there should be a specific reference to the Statutes at Large for part of the United States laws referred to and not for all of them. The same is true in connection with references to Thorp's Constitutions. In other words, this principle which you suggest does not seem to have been applied in the elimination of footnotes.

In some cases it seems to me that specific page references are desirable because of the great difficulty which a scholar would have in locating the material even if he knew the general work in which it must be found. Such, for example, are the references to the "Journal" of the Constitutional Convention. Here again it seems to me that unless the additional references suggested can be inserted, the few which were left in should be eliminated for the sake of consistency.

I have now completed my revision of the text and am sending the last of the proof to Miss Hodsdon today. I still have the bibliography, however, on which I have done some work. I find that it will be quite impossible for me to put the bibliography into respectable shape unless the galleys already sent in to Miss Hodsdon can be returned to me for a couple of days. I presume that these galleys, numbers 1-73 inclusive, will be returned to the printer shortly, and it would seem that it ought to be feasible then to send duplicates of them to me. I have checked through the remaining galleys, which I am returning today for the bibliography. The reason I need the earlier galleys is that I find many works have been entered under different headings in the bibliography from those used in the footnotes, and I cannot always remember what heading was used. As examples of this, Flowers' English Settlement is, if I remember correctly, cited thus in the footnotes, but in the

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bibliography it appears under Washburn, editor. One unfamiliar with the work, therefore, would be unable to locate it without running through the entire bibliography. Statutes at Large is another entry in the footnotes. It looked for this in the bibliography under "Statutes" and under "United States", but did not find it until going through item by item, I found it under "Public Statutes". Again most references to articles in the Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society are given in the footnotes without the name of the writer or title of the article, but they are listed in the bibliography under the name of the writer and there is no entry for the set as a whole.

Inasmuch as the bibliography cannot pretend to be anything more than a list of the works referred to, it seems to me essential that the items begin with the same headings as those used in the footnotes, or else that there be cross references from such headings. The only purpose of ~~the~~ bibliography, as I see it, is to enable the student to locate a reference by giving him the title of the work referred to in fuller form than in the footnotes. I should be inclined, therefore, to eliminate from the bibliography the items from the special articles in the Transactions of the I. S. H. S. For example, as they are not referred to as such in the footnotes, and then include instead an entry for the entire set. The result would be a shortening and simplification of the bibliography.

If in any way possible, therefore, I trust that you will arrange to have a set of the galleys 1-73 returned to me as soon as possible, and I will agree to send them back if desired within two days after their receipt. I presume there need be no great hurry about returning the bibliography to the printer, as the index cannot be made until the text is in page proof, and the bibliography might very well be printed at the same time as the index.

I am not quite sure of your position with reference to the title, as there is evidently a typographical error in your letter. I take it, however, that the word "not" was omitted in the sentence about this, and that you prefer not to use the sub-title suggested. This will be acceptable to me, although I think there would be an advantage in having the title indicate somewhat more definitely the contents of the book than does merely "Illinois in 1818" which might mean various things.

I quite agree with you as to the desirability of omitting degrees, titles, etc., in connection with the author's name on the title page. I had supposed that the form followed would be that of the Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library

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where the names of the institution with which the author is connected appears in small type under his name. That is the reason why I suggested that both Minnesota Historical Society and University of Minnesota should be used in connection with my name. I think it would be rather unfortunate if these should be left out under my name and then under the names of each of the authors of volumes of the Centennial History, the words "University of Illinois" should occur.

I am glad to learn that the illustrations are coming along satisfactorily and I will certainly be very much interested in seeing them. I trust that progress is being made upon the maps also, and that proof of them may be sent to me before they are printed.

I realize that the changes in the format of the quotations which I have suggested would be expensive, and will not, of course, insist upon them. I cannot help but feel, however, that the reader will be puzzled to understand why certain quotations have been treated in one way and others of exactly the same character, in another way. It is certainly unfortunate that, if it was necessary to set some of the quotations in a special way, some logical scheme was not devised and carried out systematically. In one or two cases, however, parts of the text not included in quotations have been mixed with quotations in short line matter. This should certainly be corrected.

Not all of the quotations set in short lines are extracts from newspapers. One which I especially desire to have reset is the one which closes the book. This is the governor's proclamation announcing the admission of the state which I had copied from the "Executive Record" in the office of the secretary of state. Unfortunately I stated in a footnote that it was printed in the Intelligencer, and the editorial staff collated it with the newspaper copy. I have indicated the changes which should be made to restore it to the original official form and sincerely hope that this may be done, and that it may be set up in long lines with quotation marks, so as not to leave a bad impression at the end of the book.

Sincerely yours

FEB 10 1917

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OTTO L. SCHMIDT, CHAIRMAN
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Illinois
Centennial Commission
Springfield, Ill.

February 7, 1917.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have been very busy during the last few days or I should have answered earlier your letter of January 31. I will answer your questions as well as I can.

There will be an editor's introduction which I will prepare myself and which will be largely devoted to an account of the Centennial Commission and something specifically of its proposed series of publications. I have in mind making in this introduction a brief explanation of the comparatively small number of footnotes intending to relieve you of any unfair criticism that may arise on this point.

The member of the editorial staff who should have the principal acknowledgment is Miss Hodsdon, though the others might well be mentioned briefly. Miss White and Miss Allen have both done a considerable amount

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of work but it is Miss Hodsdon who has carried the main responsibility.

I have had two rather long sessions with Miss Hodsdon in which we have gone over a considerable part of the galley proof. Many of the footnotes suggested by you have been put in, though it did not seem possible to include all of them. In a number of cases I think we have been able to accomplish substantially what you had in view, both as to the text and to the footnotes without radical changes in the proof. In the chapter which contains a survey of the various counties I have reinserted some of your references but have explained that it has not been possible to include references to all the local material upon which the narrative is based, referring the reader to the bibliography at the close and to your volume in the Collections.

Your recommendation that each ^{paragraph} in a long quotation should be introduced by quotation marks is certainly sound and has been adopted.

Sincerely yours,

Everts B. Green

Sincerely writing this letter, I have received your volume the bibliography etc. and have turned in an O. Miss Hodsdon, who will forward it to you.

February 8, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I am enclosing herewith galley 1 of the proof which Mr. Pease returned to me with a question about one of my objections thereon. I am returning it to you instead of to him because I want to take up with you the matter of the introductory paragraph.

I note that this paragraph is marked in the margin "stet excepting for change as to rush". I do not know, of course, whether this represents your decision in the matter or merely the opinion of some one else, but as I am not likely to know this in time to take up the matter with you, I will do it now. If this introductory paragraph, which was not written by me, which does not express my ideas, and which is not in my style, is to be used, I want it understood that it can be only over my protest. I have submitted my own introductory paragraph, which I have indicated for substitution, to people here in whose judgment I have confidence, and am convinced that it is not objectionable and that it makes a good opening for the book.

Most of the ideas expressed in the part which I desire cut out, so far as they are accurate, are brought out in other parts of the book. I cannot help but feel that if the author of a book is to be allowed to have anything whatever to say as to what goes into that book, he ought to be allowed to write his own introductory paragraph.

One other point in connection with this galley has to do with note 1. I have asked to have the latter part of this note cut out, as it is too vague to be of any use, but I find that some one has written "stet" in the margin. One of the references in this note reads "Michaelson in American Anthropologist". As there are some eighteen volumes of this publication, and possibly several articles by Michaelson, it is difficult to see how this could be of any use to anyone, and I dislike very much to be made responsible for such unscholarly work.

If the expense of changing the introductory paragraph is an obstacle, I will be willing to pay it myself.

Sincerely yours

February 13, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I have your letter of February 7 and am glad to know that you expect to write an editor's introduction for the book. I appreciate also your intention to include therein an explanation of the footnote situation. I appreciate the difficulties in connection with the insertion of the footnotes which I have suggested, and feel sure that you have been as liberal as circumstances would permit.

I received back some of the early galleys from Miss Hodsdon and have worked them over for the bibliography. I can do nothing further on this until I receive the remaining galleys intervening between these and the last lot returned by me to Miss Hodsdon. In the meantime I am working on the preface.

Very truly yours

February 17, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I received recently galleys 1-40 inclusive of the revised proof and have looked them over. I am returning a few of these galleys to you and want to request your personal consideration of the suggestions and changes which I have made thereon. I include some of my copies of the first galley for purposes of reference. The first proof of galley 1, I sent to you several days ago in connection with my request for the restoration of my introductory paragraph in place of the two paragraphs which had been substituted therefor. I have indicated on the revised proof of this galley some additional objections to these paragraphs as they stand.

I can readily understand the objections to making slight changes which, because of the use of ~~linotype~~ linotype, necessitate the resetting of a whole paragraph. I have indicated, therefore, only what seemed to me to be the most essential changes. If these changes were due to carelessness on my part, I think you would be justified in refusing them. As a matter of fact, however, they are all due to changes which were made in my manuscript after it left my hands. Had my original understanding with Professor Alvord been adhered to and the revised manuscript submitted to me before it was sent to the press, a great deal of this difficulty might readily have been avoided. In view of the fact that the greater part of the manuscript was in the hands of the editor for several months, I cannot see that I was in any way responsible for this situation, nor do I suppose that you were responsible for it, but I certainly feel that every possible consideration should be given to my revisions.

It is obviously useless for me to protest further about the footnotes, although I pity any scholar who attempts to use them for purposes of reference, and can readily see that his opinion of my scholarship will not be raised thereby. Had I been informed when the first of my manuscript was submitted to the editor that the number of footnotes must be reduced, I could have cut down the number in some logical and systematic manner, and would have done so, but I received no intimation of this sort until the material reached me in proof with the notes all numbered consecutively.

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Unless the principal textual changes which I request on the revised galley can be made, I will have to ask you to include in the introduction a statement to the effect that my first draft, submitted to the editor with the expectation that I would have an opportunity to consider his suggestions, was revised by the editorial staff and rushed to the printer, without being referred to me at all. If you prefer, I can make ~~the~~ statement in my preface, but I certainly feel that it would be wrong for me to be obliged to shoulder the responsibility for any of the features of the work.

Sincerely yours

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Springfield, Ill.

February 19, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

This is to acknowledge two or three letters recently received from you about the proof of your volume of "Illinois in 1818," including one of February 17, which has just reached me. Your suggestions will be duly considered when we come to reading the revised proof.

I trust it will not be necessary to renew the discussion as to the precise apportionment of responsibility for certain unfortunate conditions in connection with the preparation of this manuscript for the press. I am not willing to see included in the preface or the introduction anything which implies a reflection upon any of the various persons concerned. It would be especially objectionable in a state publication of this sort. So far as is consistent with this general principle, I am willing to do what I can to meet

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your wishes. I hope that I may receive the preface
this week.

Sincerely yours,

Ewart B. Greene
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February 23, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I have received revised proof of galleys, numbers 41-64 inclusive, and I am returning them to you under separate cover, together with my set of the first proof of these galleys containing my revisions.

I find that practically none of my corrections and suggestions, with the exception of a few obvious typographical slips, have been incorporated in the revised copy, in spite of the fact that many of these changes could have been made without any expense whatever. I refer particularly to the cutting out of superscriptions, signatures, date lines, etc., etc., which I indicated in connection with the documents printed in chapter 5. I can see absolutely no reason for including this material, particularly as the opposite practice has been followed in connection with documents printed in other chapters. I have not taken the time to transfer these suggestions from the first to the revised galley, as they can readily be taken from the former if you see fit to follow them.

I find it very difficult to believe that you went over the revisions suggested by me in these galleys and authorized the treatment which they received. If you did, the only conclusion I can reach is that you have accepted the theory that an author has no rights which an editor is bound to respect.

Among the changes which I especially desired in the proof were the elimination of such expressions as "we are told" and "it is not our intention", which appear in the editorial insertions. The use of the editorial "we" has always seemed particularly objectionable to me and I have made a practice of criticising it severely in written work handed to me by my students. You can possibly imagine the predicament in which I will find myself in the future when such expressions can be found in work which I will be supposed to have written.

I do not believe I have ever felt so humiliated over anything as over the treatment which I have received in connection with this volume. My opinions and desires have appar-

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ently had practically no weight when they happen to differ from those of immature assistants quite unfamiliar with the subject matter of the work. Particularly deplorable to me is the fact that I laid aside everything else, including some very urgent matters, and put in a large amount of time revising this proof, only to find now that the time and effort were practically wasted. I did this relying upon the promise of Mr. Alvord that I should have an opportunity to make revisions and changes on the proof; a promise which he made to me when he decided to go back on the understanding that I was to have an opportunity to go over the revised and edited manuscript before it was sent to the press.

I am tempted to drop the work which I have been doing on the bibliography, for I suppose it is hopeless for me to expect that any real consideration will be given to such changes as I may suggest. In spite of this, however, I have decided to complete the revision of the bibliography and send it in, in order that I can truthfully say that I have done everything in my power to prevent the book from being the botch which it is evidently going to be.

The bibliography, as it stands in the revised galley which I received the other day, is about the sort of a bibliography I would expect to receive from an under graduate student. Newspaper scrap books and a public document are included under "manuscript material"; Niles' Register appears as a two volume work; books which are cited in the footnotes under the author are entered in the bibliography under the editor, and so on and so on.

Very truly yours

February 24, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

The envelope of your letter of February 19 was directed to Minneapolis instead of St. Paul; consequently it was delivered at my University office and I did not receive it until yesterday afternoon after my last letter to you had been mailed.

I am very glad to know that my suggestions will be duly considered in the reading of the revised proof, and I would certainly appreciate it if they should be favorably considered.

I have at no time desired a precise apportionment of the responsibility for the unfortunate conditions. I have simply stated certain facts which seemed to justify me in asking for changes in the proof; nor have I any desire to include in the preface or introduction any implication of a reflection upon anyone concerned with the work. All I want is such a statement of the facts as will relieve me of the responsibility for those features of the work for which I am not responsible, and which I have done everything in my power to have changed.

I enclose herewith copy for the preface. In case you find it impossible to print this as I have written it, I will greatly appreciate it if you will return it to me with a statement of the changes which must be made, for I should very much like to have the preface at least written entirely by myself. I cannot see how this need delay the appearance of the book at all as it will certainly take some time to make the index after the text is in page proof.

I have almost completed my revision of the bibliography and will send it to Miss Hodsdon Monday. I have cut out a number of items which are not referred to in the notes in order to make the bibliography merely a list of the works referred to. It would be quite impossible to make it a complete list of the works used, as there are dozens of such

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works not included in it at the present time. I have also changed the headings of some of the items from the editor to the author, in order to conform to the practice followed in the footnotes and also to the practices of the best bibliographical authorities; such, for example, as the Library of Congress. As it will not be necessary to index the bibliography, there ought to be ample time for making the changes which I have requested.

Sincerely yours

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315 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.
March 7, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of the preface of your volume of "Illinois in 1818," together with several letters expressing your opinion as to the way in which this publication has been managed, all of which will receive due consideration.

I will write you about the preface in a day or two.

Very truly yours,

Evarts Greene

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315 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.
April 7, 1917.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

I have been going over the front matter for the volume of "Illinois in 1818." I have decided to accept your preface as it stands with the exception of a single small change. This consists in the omission from your list of acknowledgments of the names of Miss Hodsdon, Miss White, and Miss Allen. In place of these names, following that of Professor Alvord's, I have substituted "and his staff." I feel that I ought to make some acknowledgment to them in my editorial note, and consequently it does not seem necessary to give their names in your preface.

I have drafted this morning the editorial note in which I have undertaken to relieve the editor and author of responsibility for various matters connected with the final form of the manuscript and its passage through the press.

Very truly yours,

Evarts B. Greene

April 10, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I am in receipt of
your letter of April 7 and I have no ob-
jection to the proposed change in my pref-
ace to "Illinois in 1818".

Sincerely yours

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315 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

June 14, 1917.

Professor S. J. Buck, Superintendent,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

You will doubtless receive in a day or two a copy of your volume, "Illinois in 1818." Notwithstanding some disappointments it seems to me we have on the whole come out fairly well. If you do not receive a copy within a few days, it may be well for you to communicate with Mrs. Weber, who has charge of the mailing list.

Very truly yours,

Evarts B. Greene

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June 27, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
315 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

A copy of Illinois in 1818 reached me yesterday, and I have naturally been very much interested in looking it over.

I think you are to be congratulated on the excellence of the illustrations, both as to selection and reproduction. The maps are also quite satisfactory. The binding of the book is very attractive. I am very much pleased, of course, to note that my suggestions with reference to the opening paragraph and the bibliography were accepted.

I wrote to Mrs. Weber as soon as I received your letter of June 14, requesting a number of copies for distribution to people to whom I am under obligations in connection with the preparation of the book. I trust that it will be possible for these to be supplied.

Sincerely yours

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Urbana, Illinois,
September 30, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

While I was in Washington, I saw some interesting circular letters which you had sent out from your office in connection with the subject of local records in war time. I think that the State Historical Library is probably the agency which ought to take up this work in Illinois, and I am anxious to take advantage of any suggestions which can be drawn from the experience of other historical societies or departments. Can you conveniently make up ^{and send me} a set of such circular letters as you may have given out in this connection? I am sure we should find them very useful.

Sincerely yours,

Evarts B. Gamm

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October 1, 1917

Professor Evarts B. Greene
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Greene:-

In response to your letter of September 30, I take pleasure in sending you herewith the circular letter and statement issued by the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety at our suggestion. I include also a clipping of an article entitled "Minnesota and the War" which is being published in a number of local papers.

Having an extra copy available of a letter from Mr. W. W. Bartlett of Eau Claire, about the activities of the History Committee of their County Council of Defense, I include that also. You are doubtless familiar with the leaflet issued by Connor, as secretary of the Historical Committee of the North Carolina Council of Defense.

I should be glad to be informed of your plans along these lines and to receive copies of any circulars which you may issue, if convenient.

Sincerely yours

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Urbana, Illinois,
October 3, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Many thanks for the circular matter which you kindly send me, illustrating the activities of your society in connection with the war. They are very suggestive, and I hope we may be able to do something soon, although we are rather handicapped because the regular members of our staff are so deeply involved in the Centennial history.

Sincerely yours,

Everts B. Greene

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