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January 25, 1916

Dr. Theodore C. Pease  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Pease:-

Under separate cover, I am sending to the Survey material which I have just discovered in my files. Most of this appears to be dope which was worked out in connection with a seminar course that I gave at Illinois. It is possible that some of this material may be of use to you or to Cole in your work on the centennial history.

In connection with our work on the Illinois in 1818 volume, I should like very much to get hold of a map which was constructed under my direction, showing the date of the first settlement in each township in Illinois. If you can find this, and will send it on, the favor will be greatly appreciated. Possibly you can also find in the filing case a set of four by six cards containing the data from which this map was constructed. I should like very much to have these sent to me also. We need some copies of the outline map of Illinois. If you have plenty of them on hand, you might send a couple of dozen; if not, send what you can

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spare at present and the rest later.

Has Alvord made any further progress anent the  
Forsythe material in St. Louis?

Sincerely yours

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313 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois  
January 28, 1916

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

Dear Buck:

The survey material which you sent us has not yet come to hand but I am looking out for it anxiously. The outline map which you request will go off today. The map showing the dates of township settlements has not turned up but we will look for it and if we find it will send it on immediately.

I think the matter of the Forsyth material has come to a dead stand. I was in Springfield a day or two ago and Mr. Call expressed great interest in the progress of your volume. I think he would be very glad to have any material in regard to your work that would make good publicity stuff.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore C. Pease*

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February 17, 1916

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

My dear Sir:

Your letter of February 3 relating to the cards containing date of settlement of townships in Illinois has been referred to me, and I have hunted all through the files for them. They are not to be found, and no one in the office knows anything about them, not even Mrs. DeMott (formerly Miss Dougherty).

Very truly yours,

*Ruth E. Hodson*

RH:JR

February 3, 1916

Dr. Theodore C. Pease  
513 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Pease:-

Thank you for the outline maps  
and the settlement map which I judge you succeed-  
ed in finding.

Did you look for the cards containing  
data as to settlement? These were four by six  
cards in one of the drawers of the filing cabi-  
net, and contained notes as to first settlements  
in the different townships, etc. If you could send  
them along also, they would be of considerable  
assistance in our study of the extent of settlement  
in 1818.

Sincerely yours

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March 22, 1916.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Buck:

In preparing your Illinois in 1818 volume have you collected much material on the subject of slavery or slave indentures? If you have and if the material is in such shape that you could lend it to me for a few days without discommoding yourself, I should be very glad to have it. I have now begun to work up the slavery question and, of course, find that there is little material hitherto of real value in print on the subject. I received the last number of your bulletin and was much interested in your review of my book in it. I hope that ~~Quaife's~~ may be as favorable.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore C. Pease*

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*New stenographer!*

*Edward  
to Election  
to Records*

April 1, 1916

Dr. Theodore C. Pease  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Pease:-

I have your letter of March 22, but I am afraid I cannot give you any assistance on the subject of slavery or slave indentures. I expect to deal with that subject in a general way in my chapter on Social and Economic Conditions, but that chapter is as yet unwritten and I know of no material on the subject which is not familiar to you.

My assistant, Miss Relf, is working now, however, on the political situation in and around 1818 and of course the political aspects of slavery come in quite extensively. I believe we are going to be able to make a real contribution along these lines. I am about convinced that there was a very close connection between the slavery question and the movement for the admission of the state in 1818. Miss Relf will probably make a trip to Illinois before long, and you may have a chance to talk some of these matters over with her.

I am planning to attend the M. V. H. A. meeting in Nashville, and hope to see you there.

Sincerely yours

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Urbana, Illinois,  
April 4, 1916.

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

Dear Buck:

I have just received your letter of April 1. I wonder if your work is in such a state of forwardness that you could let me have again some of the manuscript copies that I sent you. What I want especially is a letter of Thomas Hart Benton's written to one of the ~~anti~~ Edwards <sup>f</sup>action concerning the establishment of a press. I cannot find it in my files, and as it furnishes a commentary on a letter which I sent you, I imagine that I may have sent it also.

I am much interested in your conclusion about the connection of the slavery question with the movement for statehood. I have found newspaper statements of 1822 contrasting Cook as a favorer of statehood with some ~~anti~~ Edwards man (Phillips, I think) as opposed to it.

I hardly think that I shall attend the Mississippi Valley meeting.

Sincerely yours,

*Frederic C. Pease.*

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April 7, 1910

Mr. Theodore C. Pease  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Pease:-

Your letter of April 4 has just arrived, and I am sending you enclosed the copy of Benton's letter to Kane, October 12, 1820, which my assistant, Miss Relf, thinks is the one you desire.

Would it be possible for you to send me a copy of the newspaper statement of 1822 with reference to the attitude of Cook and others in regard to statehood? We need every scrap of material of this sort in order to understand the questions connected with the admission of the state.

Cordially yours

APR 11 1916

313 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois,  
April 8, 1916.

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

Dear Buck:

I have just received your letter with the enclosure of Benton's. I shall try to find you the statements regarding Cook and Phillips, but I spoke only from recollection, and the cards are burried somewhere or other in my notes. As soon as I can lay my hands on them I will send them to you.

I am leaving town this afternoon for several days, so you will have to pardon the want of a signature.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore C. Pease.*  
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December 13, 1916.

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

Dear Buck:

I have been reading over your manuscript and in the first two chapters one or two questions have occurred to me. You make the statement in regard to military bounty lands that the 18,000 warrants for patents to quarter sections covered practically all military tract except the usual reservations. As a matter of fact, my recollection is that all quarter sections considerably over or under 160 acres and all inferior lands were dropped out of account <sup>and not assigned on warrants</sup>. Certainly there were considerable land sales made in the tract after all the warrants had been located.

In regard to the <sup>cession</sup> ~~section~~ by the Peorias all land in Illinois should you not make it plainer that the ~~cession~~ session was a mere formality. I have not yet had time

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to look up Royce on it, but my impression is that his account indicates that it was an affair of mere form not covering more than one or two persons.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore C. Pease*

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December 15, 1916

Professor Theodore C. Pease  
426 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Pease:-

I am very glad, indeed, to know that you are going over the manuscript of my book. As you doubtless know, I have had no opportunity to see it since it received editorial revision and have never had a chance to go over it as a whole. I hope you will keep in mind especially any inconsistencies or duplications in the different chapters.

With reference to the military bounty lands, my recollection is that my statement was based upon a comparison between an estimate of the number of acres in a military tract and the number of acres assigned for bounties. You are probably correct, however, and I would be glad to have you modify the text in such way as may seem best to you. The same is true with reference to the matter of the Peoria land sessions. I have only a vague idea of what has been said about this, but I am perfectly willing to trust to your judgment in the matter.

You see I have no copies of the manuscript here, not even my original draft, and consequently cannot be of much assistance in these matters. I asked for the return of my original draft after it had been copied, but never received any of it.

When you come to the fifth chapter, you will find some pretty sloppy work, especially in the latter part. I had reworked only a part of this chapter when I received a telegraph calling it in, and was obliged to send it along just about as Miss Helf had tacked it together.

I suppose you will attend the A. H. A. meeting at Cincinnati, will you not? Is there any prospect of Alvord being absent to attend? If not, I hope I can manage to see him while I am down in that part of the country.

Sincerely yours

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313 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois,  
January 5, 1917.

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

Dear Buck:

I am writing to remind you that you promised to try to obtain for me copies of the Bellman containing a reminiscence of Mormon times in Illinois. If you can do this without much trouble, I shall be very glad indeed to obtain it.

Professor Alvord, I gather, was rather expecting to see you at Mudlavia on your way back, but I suppose you found it impossible to make connections.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore C. Pease*

TCP:MJ

January 9, 1917

Dr. Theodore C. Pease  
313 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Pease:-

I have written to The Bellman Co., at 118 So. Sixth St., Minneapolis, Minn., requesting them to send you the issues of The Bellman of April 1 and April 8, 1916, which contain the article by Eudocia Baldwin Marsh entitled "When the Mormons Dwelt Among Us." I enclosed in the letter twenty-five cents in stamps and I expect the numbers will be sent to you, provided any are available. If you do not receive them, let me know and I will send you our copies as a loan.

I was unable to find out definitely whether Mr. Alvord would be in Urbana or Mudlavia on January 2, and consequently made no attempt to see him. I did not feel sure either that it would be well for me to bother him with business matters.

Sincerely yours

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313 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois,  
January 12, 1917.

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

Dear Buck:

I received your letter of January 9 and am very much obliged to you for the pains you have taken in getting us the issues of The Bellman. I am enclosing 25¢ in stamps in reimbursement of your outlay for it.

Professor Alvord returned here one of the first days of January. He seems a good deal better and more vigorous, but within a few days he plans to go to Florida for about six weeks. That will get him away from here in the trying part of the season, and I think will insure his speedy recovery.

I suppose Miss Hodsdon has kept you posted as to the progress of your book. Ten of the chapters have already gone off to the printer and the eleventh will probably follow in a day or two. I have read all the chapters so far and have corrected a few obvious slips that I have found in them. I think you can probably expect the galley proof in a day or two.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore C. Pease*

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February 6, 1917.

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

Dear Buck:

I am writing to call your attention to the correction which you made on the galley proof of chapter 1, which would have located the Sauk and Fox Indians in the triangles between the Illinois and the Mississippi and the Mississippi and the Rock. I notice that your map which was just sent down assigns them a similar location. I may be mistaken about it, but it seems to me unlikely that they could have extended very far below the Rock river on the east side of the Mississippi. In view of the fact that so much of the Tract had been patented as military bounty land they would certainly, if they had been on the land, have been in violation of the terms of the treaty of cession. I queried the correction on the galley proof, but on returning here found that the proof had gone to the printer as the original stood, as I think, by Professor Greene's decision. In case you are sure that you wish your statement to stand you had better telegraph us.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore C. Pease*

*P.S. Miss Hodsdon says that there is no hurry about the change if it is made, so that a letter will probably suffice.*

TCP:MJ

February 8, 1917

Dr. Theodore C. Pease  
313 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Pease:-

With reference to my statement as to the location of the Sauk and Fox Indians, I find that I relied upon the material which Linton prepared for use in Chapter 1. In this <sup>he</sup> ~~me~~ makes the statement that "the territory between the Illinois and Mississippi was actually occupied by the Sac and Fox on ~~the~~ west and the Potawatomi on the east." If I remember correctly, one of Linton's maps which I returned, shows Sauk or Fox villages located below the Rock river.

I have not taken the time to make a thorough investigation of the subject, but I have found sufficient evidence to lead me to believe that these Indians actually did occupy this territory to some extent as late as 1818, in spite of the provisions of the treaty, and I should prefer ~~to have~~ <sup>to have</sup> original statement used.

I am enclosing the page of proof which you sent me in a letter to Professor Greene, as I want to take up with him another matter connected with this page.

Sincerely yours

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February 8, 1917.

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

Dear Buck:

I have just been looking over the last stack of proof which has come back from you. I find that you take exception to one change I made which involves the statement that a proslavery pronouncement in the Intelligencer cannot be taken as representing the view of the editors, inasmuch as Blackwell was an antislavery man. I think that here Miss Relf has clearly confused the two Blackwells. David Blackwell of course was an antislavery man, but I know of no evidence that his brother, Robert, was; in fact, Robert Blackwell took over the editing of the Intelligencer in 1823 after William H. Brown had left it because of his antislavery views. If you look up the Kaskaskia and Vandalia entries in Scott, I am sure that you will agree with me. We will let the proof stand as it is on this point unless I hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore C. Pease*

TCP:MJ

February 13, 1917

Dr. Theodore C. Pease  
313 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Pease:-

I want to thank you for catching me up on the Blackwell matter. As you suggested, Miss Relf had confused the two Blackwells, and I am very glad that you restored your correction on this point.

Sincerely yours