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WM. STEARNS DAVIS
96 HIGH STREET
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Jan 30/26

Dear Buck and Mrs. Buck:

I am ashamed to have delayed so long in acknowledging the "Minnesota Stories". Perhaps I am not in a very good position to judge, but it strikes me it is an extremely effective piece of work, that ought to make a very wide appeal to the young people.

Alice and I can testify ~~that~~ ~~that~~ we have both

been much interested reading a good part of it, and incidentally we have added not a little to our knowledge of Minnesota history.

(over)

Wells, & the young
Buckles and
Lavery (I know little
well you) for
Lavery

The Macmillans have certainly done
a very good piece of book-making, and
I am ~~very~~ glad you took up with them.
The pictures are excellent. — In short
you must have had great fun and
satisfaction preparing the volume.

Nothing exciting is going on in these
parts. We are now pretty well settled at
"Godley House" — and I am working full
blast rewriting "The Rest of the War" as a
"peace" book. It is very hard to warm up
something that became rather cold some
years ago. When I get time I will try to
write you something about the "War" atmosphere
here in Exeter — The Revolutionary War, I mean,
that is the only war people here care about!
Alice joins me in best greetings to you

WM. STEARNS DAVIS
96 HIGH STREET
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

December 19.26

Dear Buck,

Pardon a little delay in replying to your last very kind letter.

If I were now a full teaching member of the department in receipt of my former salary etc. I would consider it alike a duty and a pleasure to subscribe \$100. towards the historical association fund, and possibly more. As things stand, with the continuation of the present situation uncertain, and Alice and I determined to live within our present very modest income, I do not see how I could do it without at least mortgaging the future under ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ circumstances which might leave us in an unlucky predicament in case things did not break just right. If it turns out that I can increase the \$50. already sent the association I give my word I will do so, but I ought to say that (probably as one of the penalties of authorship) there are at least five other "good causes" now after me which can each in their way make out just as good a case as the Historical endowment.

However since I am now writing a private communication to a very good friend it does not seem wrong to add a word more. I would not for the life of me throw the least cold water on the efforts of the committee to raise this fund, or to say anything for which I could be publicly quoted. But just between ~~xxxxxx~~ ourselves, this endowment drive does not seem to me calculated to promote the kind of history in which I am the most interested ~~x~~ and which other and more ~~influential people than my~~ wealthy people than myself consider the greatest need.

If I can make anything out of the concrete usages to which it is purposed to put this fund there will be a further multiplication of documents, monographs, learned articles, ~~xxxx~~ research allowances, etc. etc. I have no doubt that the funds will be handled scrupulously and intelligently within the permitted limits. Worthy scholars will be ~~helped~~ helped, documents that must otherwise wait for publication will be published. But the whole thing will be conducted in that spirit of devitalized detachment which makes history as remote ~~far~~ from ~~xxx~~ normal human interest as the records of the astronomer that Mars has two small moons.

Of course you saw the statement issued by the Association itself deprecating the apparent decline of popular ~~x~~ interest in historical studies, and setting forth that greater attention should be paid to the literary side of history writing. I came very near writing a letter to the N.Y. Times stating that this was the inevitable result of the last ~~xxxxxx~~ thirty years of history teaching in America, in which a narrow field has often been ~~xxxxxx~~ deliberately substituted for breadth of (OVER

vision, and when the enthusiasms of young scholars are dried or crucified upon the demands of a Ph.D. thesis. I am heretic and blasphemous enough to believe that a ~~respect~~ respect for ~~scientific~~ scientific standards of truth can be taught by some less arduous method, and that no person should be encouraged to teach or write history unless, whether they deal with Egyptian kings or "reesoilers" or turn musty documents or quarry in yellow newspapers, they remember first, last and always that history ~~has~~ has only one claim over the fascinating natural sciences, it always deals with vibrant, intensely personal human life.

Perhaps I am near-sighted but I cannot find in the uses proposed for the Association endowment a single real item calculated to make history study more human-- if you want to use a very cheap word, "more interesting". We will have a multiplication of ~~monographs~~ monographs when the great crying need of the present ~~moment~~ moment is ^{the} synthesis of the monographs existing already. Existing conditions will provide ~~that~~ that in any case the present multiplication of "special studies" ~~should~~ ^{must} go on like Tennyson's little brook.

Today certain professors at least are scolding because two amiable amateurs have written biographies about George Washington which apparently are very unscientific but which have a large sale because they are readable. I have not read these biographies: but I do know that a good and vital life of Washington written with a combination of historical insight and literary skill would be a great public service. But the professionals have been too busy with articles upon "The Land Grants of Colonial Virginia", or they have let the "research ideal" so occupy their thoughts that they cannot bring themselves to write the kind of books which might mould the minds and purposes of this American ~~democracy~~ democracy.

Today a great national American history, something comparable to the Lavissee "Histoire de la France", (written with high authority, and made available to the nation by literary excellence,) is a very serious public need. Of course we have plenty of "series", indifferently good and bad, they have all been written by men in a hurry, who have stolen the time from professorial duties, and many of whom have ~~approached~~ approached their task as a kind of glorified Ph.D. thesis. Such books can often be useful but they can never be great. It was in the power of the Association to propose as one of the ~~uses~~ ^{national} uses for its funds the preparation of such a history, the authors of it to be supported for a number of years without academic burdens until they could finish their task with alike artistic and historical elegance. Not the slightest kind of such a thing seems on the horizon. ^{and responsibility}

I have just finished for the second time reading Bancroft's 10 volumes from cover to cover. I can recognize how completely they fail to meet the exigencies of our present graduate courses, but I wish to goodness, their critics would as completely understand that Bancroft has some qualities of human sympathy and literary technique before which they ought to stand in reverence.

In a word today our history ~~studies~~ studies are in the plight of a man ~~suffering~~ suffering from dyspepsia, whose doctors are trying to cure him with new quantities of very heavy food. What he needs is castor oil.-- There is no castor oil in the Association program.-- More scientifically, is is still all analysis and mighty little synthesis.

WM. STEARNS DAVIS
96 HIGH STREET
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Our Christmas cards went forward yesterday but it ggives great pleasure to repeat the greetings to you, to Mrs. Duck and to all your family.-- Now I must go and shovel out our long driveway-- we have enjoyed a near blizzard and I see my work ahead of me!

It is the privilege of friendship to be allowed to sputter.

As always cordially

Davis

Extract from a letter from William Stearns Davis to S. J. Buck, December 19, 1926.

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COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT

Albert J. Beveridge, Chairman
Solon J. Buck, Executive Secretary

110 Library Building
Columbia University
New York City
February 17, 1926

Professor William Stearns Davis
96 High Street
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Davis:

Elizabeth has forwarded to me your letter of January 30, and naturally I am much pleased to know that you and Mrs. Davis like our little book.

I presume you have heard that I am here on leave from the University and the Minnesota Historical Society to be Executive Secretary of the A. H. A. Committee on Endowment until next Fall. Should you happen to come to New York at any time, I trust that you will let me know your plans, as I should like very much to have a talk with you. Elizabeth and the children will probably come East in the Spring, and I hope we may all see each other some time during the summer.

Sincerely yours,

SJB DMW

July 4.1926



Wm. Stearns Davis
Clam Rock Cottage
Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

Dear Buck,

Is there not the right to entertain a hope that you with Mrs. Buck and the rest of the family may look in upon us at sometime this summer?

We are very much here again and will be until around Sept.15. We may and we may not have our house full of relative and in-laws at the time you want to arrive, but we can always scare up rooms in the neighborhood for you, and our motor boat , the REBECCA ~~G.~~ G., seems this year to be in a pretty friendly mood.

Drop us a line as to when you are likely to hit these parts, so that we may not happen to be away on a trip of a day or* two ourselves. We shall go off on nothing that cannot be well postponed.

Alice joins in best greetings to Mrs. Buck and to yourself

As always W^m. S. D.

July 12, 1926

Professor William Stearns Davis
Clam Rock Cottage
Boothbay Harbor, Maine

Dear Davis:

Your very kind invitation is deeply appreciated, and I wish that the prospects of our being able to take advantage of it were greater than they are. I had hoped at one time to be able to take a week or two off for some touring in New England, but I am going to be away during the next two weeks on the "Columbia River Historical Expedition," and I am afraid that the pressure of work after I get back will be such that it will be impossible for me to get away again for more than a day or two at least.

We had a pleasant trip out here from Minneapolis, taking a week for it and breaking the driving by boat trips across Lake Michigan and Lake Erie. We are now comfortably installed in a furnished house in New Rochelle, about fifteen miles from Columbia.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

December 24, 1925

R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company
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Chicago, Illinois

Attention Mr. Herbert P. Zimmermann

Gentlemen:-

Once More I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of a copy of your annual Christmas volume. I have long been interested in Zebulon H. Pike and I am very glad to have his Southwestern Explorations in so attractive a form. It is very kind of you to keep my name on the mailing list for these volumes, and I assure you that they are deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours

B/P

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February seventeenth

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Mr. Solon J. Buck
Supt. Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your favor referred to us by our
New York office.

We appreciate your offering us the opportunity of
publishing the manuscript. We have discontinued
publishing so-called "local material".

We would suggest some local publisher or some of the
large publishers of Chicago. We hope this sug-
gestion may be of value to you.

Yours very truly,

EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY

(Dictated - L)

May 14, 1924

Mr. Charles W. Edwards
47 Conant Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:-

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I am very much interested in the third paragraph of your letter in which you speak of a proposed fund in honor of Professor Turner. I should like to suggest that this take the form of a "Frederick Jackson Turner Research and Publication Fund" and that it be administered by the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in conjunction with some trust company to handle matters of investment. I am not in favor of using such a fund to establish prizes, for it seems to me that we have all such prizes as are needed at present and that they do very little any way to promote historical work. It is my idea that the money should be used primarily for promoting the publication of documentary material in the field of western history. Perhaps part of the fund could be used as soon as collected as a revolving fund, the publications to be sold and the proceeds turned back into the fund, and the remainder could be invested with only the interest available for use. The proposed volumes could be brought out as "Frederick Jackson Turner Fund Publications" and would constitute a perpetual and ever growing memorial to Mr. Turner.

At the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association referred to above I was appointed chairman of a special committee to work out plans for starting a series of Collections and for raising an endowment fund to finance the work. I am sure that the Mississippi Valley Historical Association would be very glad to combine these two projects, and it seems to me that this would be an ideal arrangement. It would be my idea that contributions to the fund would be solicited not only from friends and former students of Professor Turner but also from all members of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and from anyone interested in the work which the fund would make possible.

If these suggestions interest your committee I should be glad to elaborate them more fully.

Very truly yours,

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE-STUDY

July 8, 1925

Dear Mr. Buck

I am sending you a copy of my new experiment in Correspondence Study. In looking it over I hope you'll bear in mind that the outline is intended to be a guide to study, not a syllabus of the subject. Where the required texts do not give essential information the outline contains facts, where the texts are full the outline is merely suggestive. To meet the problem of book supply I have tried to restrict the list of references, adding extracts from other books to the assignment. Eventually we shall have our own library equipment

charging students a small fee as is now done in
laboratory courses.

I'll be grateful for any comments you may make
on the standard of the work required. The course counts
for three credits & carries grade points just as if taken
in residence

Very Sincerely

Martha L. Edwards

73 Mackubin St.,
St. Paul, Minn.,
August 5, 1925.

Dr. S. J. Buck,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Dr. Buck:

At the outset I want to apologize for writing to you at the close of your session at Wisconsin, when you are the busiest, but the turn in events for me makes this letter imperative.

As you perhaps remember, I must come up for my master's degree this summer due to the fact that I am moving to Chicago before September 1.

My course work, language requirement, and thesis are all out of the way, but the taking of my oral and written examinations still remains.

Altho Mr. Shippee has written to me three times during the last month or so, up to to-day, I was under the impression that the questions for my written examination would be sent to some central station, and that I would be examined on all of them the same day. Now I have been asked to get in touch with you and Dr. Stephenson concerning a written examination over the work I have had under the direction of each of you. I am informed from the general office of

The State Historical Society that you will return to the Twin Cities about Wednesday, August 12. I shall confer with you then, at such time as will be convenient to you. In the meantime I shall go to see Mr. Stephenson, who is teaching the first two periods during the second session.

I fully realize that it is an imposition to endeavor to come up for a degree during the summer. Under the circumstances about all I can say is that I am very sorry to be the source of the inconvenience.

Yours very truly,
Howard Egan.

To Charles William Eliot on his ninetieth birthday the universal fellowship of educated men and women brings a tribute of good-will, gratitude, and homage. Harvard ~~College~~^{University} under his guidance shook off the torpor of an academic tradition enamoured of discipline and mistrustful of liberty. The incomparable insight and courage of such a leader enabled Harvard to invite her sons to a life of vigorous intellectual enterprise and adventure which has since become the heritage of all American education and of common life in the democracy.

The University of Minnesota, grateful for its share in this heritage and resolved that time shall not bring a relaxation in effort to be worthy of it, extends this greeting to him whom all honor as the great defender of individual thought and endeavor,- America's veteran educator.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I hope this meets with your approval. In order to get in the changes at the end of the first paragraph it seemed necessary to strike out the word "American" in the clause at the end of the second sentence. I felt more ~~than~~ justified in doing this without obtaining your consent because a member of the faculty who is a graduate of Johns Hopkins objected when I told him that we had claimed for Harvard the distinction of being "The first real university in America".

Sincerely yours,

R. M. Eliot

COPY

February 15th,
1924

Professor R. M. Elliott
Department of Psychology

Dear Elliott:

May I thank you and Professors Ballantine and Buck for the very excellent statement you made, to be forwarded to President Eliot. Both President Coffman and myself regard it as a very fitting statement.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

F. J. Kelly,
Dean of Administration

January 16, 1922

Mr. F. H. Hooper
American Editor
Encyclopedia Britannica
288 Fourth Ave., New York City

Dear Sir:-

During the meeting of the American Historical Association in St. Louis, I got into conversation with a group of men about the new volumes of the Britannica and discovered that three of them, besides myself, were contributors. It appeared that all of us received proof about the same time, and each of the three had received a check in payment for his contribution, but none has come to me. I am not in any special hurry for this money, but it occurred to me that there may have been some oversight, or the check may have been lost in the mails. I will appreciate it if you will look into the matter and let me know.

Very truly yours

B/P

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Solon J. Buck, Esq.,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

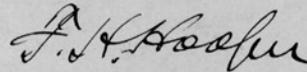
Dear Mr. Buck:

I enclose herein our cheque for \$51. in payment of your article "Minnesota", written for the New Volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. May I at the same time express the sincere thanks of the Editor-in-chief, of the Publishers, and of myself for the work that we know the writing of this article caused you. I feel sure that I may add also the thanks of the many thousands of buyers who will read this and the other articles which the New Volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica contain. The success of the Britannica during the century and a half of its existence is due in great measure to the unselfish work of its many distinguished contributors.

I may add that with your cooperation the undertaking is now so far advanced that the first of the New Volumes is now being printed and will be delivered to subscribers within two or three weeks. The other two volumes will, we hope, be ready for delivery thirty and sixty days later, respectively.

The Publishers ask that, as a matter of record and that there may be no misunderstanding, you sign and return the enclosed assignment of copyright.

Very truly yours,



American Editor.

FHH:G.
(Inclosure)

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NEW YORK March 2, 1922.

Prof. Salon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Soc.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

As one of the contributors to the New Volumes of the Encyclopædia Britannica, we should deem it a great favor if you would send us a likeness of your self at your earliest convenience. We are endeavoring to assemble together a portfolio of photographs of all the contributors to the New Volumes and are anxious to have you represented in it. It is not necessary to send us a studio photograph; in fact we should prefer an amateur photo, if it illustrated or suggested some phase of the contributor's career. The chief requisite is that the photo be clear enough to lend itself to reproduction.

As the printing and binding of the New Volumes is rapidly being completed, may we not hear from you very soon? Thanking you for your courtesy, we are

Very truly yours,

THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA

Herbert Brande

HB.JB

March 15, 1922

Mr. Herbert Brande
Encyclopaedia Britannica
288 Fourth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Sir:-

In response to your request of March 2, I am sending you herewith a picture which was taken in my office about four years ago. It is the only thing I have available excepting "a studio photograph."

It seems to be rather theatrical, but the facts are that I had forgotten the presence of the photographer in the room and was actually answering a ring at the telephone when he snapped the picture. It was a picture of the room rather than of me which was desired, but it may serve your purpose, and if so, you are welcome to use it. I would be glad to have you return the picture after you are through with it.

Very truly yours

B/P

LONDON, 125 HIGH HOLBORN

MAR 30 1922

NEW YORK, 288 FOURTH AVE.
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NEW YORK March 18th, 1922.

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

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of March 15th, together with the
photograph requested.

Thanking you again for your kind-
ness in this matter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA,

HB:AM

*yes. you asked about Brande
for the set. of pictures*

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OFFICE OF THE
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May 31, 1925.

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

My dear Professor Buck:

You will recall that in 1921, four years ago, you were so good as to write an excellent article on Minnesota for the Three New Supplementary Volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, which we were then preparing. These Volumes have proved very successful, thanks to you and to the other contributors, and have maintained fully the reputation of the Britannica.

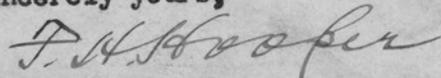
The publishers are about to print once more these Three New Volumes and I am anxious that the information in them regarding Minnesota should be brought up to date. I am, therefore, writing to you to ask if you will be so good as to go over the article now and make such changes, additions or eliminations as are necessary for that purpose.

The revised article must be of the same length as the present one. While there is not, I presume, a great deal that is new and important regarding the last four years, there must be some things to add and to make room for them it will be necessary either to condense or to strike out a part at least of the older and less valuable information. What we want is to cover in the new contribution - in so far as space will allow - the information regarding the State of Minnesota from the time when the article in the Eleventh Edition was written, in or about 1910, to this present year, with, naturally, greater emphasis on what is recent than on what is older.

I sincerely hope that you will undertake this revision. I will send you, immediately on hearing from you, a copy of your preceding article. We shall want to receive the manuscript of the new contribution by the end of the summer, say by August 31. We shall expect, of course to make payment at the regular Britannica rate for the new material.

Trusting that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you favorably by return mail, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



American Editor

*Encyclopaedia
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June 5, 1925

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342 Madison Ave.,
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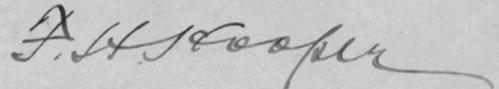
Solon J. Buck, Esquire, Superintendent
Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minnesota

My Dear Mr. Buck:

I am in receipt of your kind favor of the 5th and am delighted to learn that you will bring up to date the article on Minnesota written by yourself and now appearing in the Three New Volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. I enclose a copy of the present article.

This article is a little longer than most of the state articles in the Three New Volumes and considerable of it is in the fine type. If, therefore, it is possible to unite the two contradictory objects of adding new material and still shortening it I shall be glad to have you do it, for I should much prefer to put all, or at least the larger portion of the matter, into the large type. Possibly the paragraph in fine type under "Government" could be abridged, or perhaps you will conclude that it might be left out altogether. I do not mean the part under the heading "Finance", but the third column just above. We leave the matter in your hands, however; only please do not enlarge the article.

Very sincerely yours,



American Editor

FHH:C
Enclosure

September 18, 1925

Mr. F. H. Hooper
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Hooper:-

Herewith I am sending you my revision of the article on Minnesota for the new edition of the supplementary volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. I have succeeded in shortening it as well as bringing it up to date, as requested in your letter of June 8, and I hope that it will be satisfactory.

You asked for the article, I believe, about September 1, but vacations and the pressure of work have prevented me from getting it done until now. I trust, however, that the delay will not cause serious inconvenience.

The work on it took more time than I had anticipated. In fact, it was about as big a job to revise the article and bring it up to date as it was to write it in the first place.

Sincerely yours

B/B

SEP 24 1925

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NEW YORK: 342 MADISON AVENUE

OFFICE OF THE
AMERICAN EDITOR

NEW YORK,

September 22, 1925

Solon J. Buck, Esquire, Superintendent
Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you very much for your favor
of the 18th enclosing the article on Minnesota
now appearing in the Three New Volumes of the
Encyclopaedia Britannica with revisions bringing
it up to date. These seem to me excellent.

The slight delay in sending this
article to me has caused me no inconvenience.
I am very much obliged to you for your kind
action in making the revision.

Very sincerely yours

FRANKLIN H. HOOPER

American Editor

BY:

John W. Taylor

FHH:C

November 13, 1925

Mr. Franklin H. Hooper, American Editor
Encyclopaedia Britannica
342 Madison Ave.,
New York City

My dear Mr. Hooper:-

On May 31 you wrote me a letter asking me to revise my article on Minnesota for the supplementary volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and stating that you should "expect, of course to make payment at the regular Britannica rate for the new material." The revised article was sent in to you early in September and I received a letter dated September 22 acknowledging it but making no reference to payment. Perhaps the explanation is that the revised article, being shorter than the original, is considered not to contain any "new material." As a matter of fact, however, it does contain a great deal of new data, older material having been eliminated or condensed to make room for it in accordance with your instructions. An assistant spent several days assembling the new data included in the article, for which I paid her out of my own pocket, and I put in the equivalent of at least a day of my own time on it. Don't you think that I am entitled to some compensation?

Sincerely yours

B/P

NOV 18 1925

OFFICE OF THE
AMERICAN EDITOR

NEW YORK November 16, 1925.

Mr. Solon J. Buck, Superintendent
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter of November the 13th addressed to Mr. Hooper, who has just sailed for London. I may say that the matter of compensation for this article has not been overlooked, and we should in due time have taken the matter up. However, in view of the fact that you have paid from your own pocket for an assistant in the preparation of the article, we shall make an exception in this case and settle the matter without delay.

In deciding on the amount of compensation due for the revision of an article, a distinct difficulty arises. If, however, you will let me know what, in your opinion, is due for the work which has been done, keeping in mind our regular rate of pay, namely, \$25.00 for a page of 1,400 words, I shall accept your estimate of the value of the services, and I shall give the matter the necessary attention upon receipt of a letter from you.

Yours sincerely,

John W. Taylor
Assistant Editor.

JWT:HR

NOV 20 1925

LONDON, 125 HIGH HOLBORN

NEW YORK, 342 MADISON AVE.

OFFICE OF THE
AMERICAN EDITOR



NEW YORK

November 18, 1925

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

My dear Professor Buck:

As one of the contributors to the Three Supplementary Volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica in their revised form, your name will appear in our list of contributors and will be followed by a brief descriptive paragraph, a tentative draft of which I am enclosing. Will you please go over this, making any necessary corrections and any additions which appear desirable to you.

Thanking you for your trouble and trusting that I may have the pleasure of receiving the revised copy in the course of the next few days, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANKLIN H. HOOPER

American Editor

BY:

John W. Taylor

JWT:C

November 20, 1925

Mr. John W. Taylor, Assistant Editor
Encyclopaedia Britannica
342 Madison Ave.,
New York City

My dear Mr. Taylor:-

I have your letter of November 16 concerning the matter of compensation for my work on the Minnesota article. I should not have written about this at all, had it not been that I supposed, from the fact that no reference was made to compensation in the letter acknowledging receipt of the article, together with the further fact that I had heard nothing since, that the work was considered merely a little revision and consequently did not call for compensation. I am perfectly willing to wait for payment in the regular course of procedure.

With reference to the amount of compensation, the only thing I can do is to estimate the amount of work required to prepare the revised article as compared with the original article. I am certain that this was well over one-half and, as the article would be about forty dollars at your regular rates, it seems to me that the compensation of twenty dollars would be fair and reasonable.

Sincerely yours

B/P

OFFICE OF THE
AMERICAN EDITOR



NEW YORK November 23, 1925.

Mr. Solon J. Buck, Superintendent
Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I take pleasure in enclosing a check for \$20.00 in compensation for your work in revising the article on Minnesota. I am enclosing also a copyright release form which I should thank you for signing and returning at your early convenient.

You will receive, a little later, a copy of your revised article on Minnesota for your final approval.

Yours sincerely,

John W. Taylor
Assistant Editor.

November 28, 1925

Mr. John W. Taylor
Assistant Editor
Encyclopaedia Britannica
342 Madison Ave.,
New York City

My dear Mr. Taylor:-

This will acknowledge
receipt of the check for twenty dollars
in payment for the revision of the article
on Minnesota. The copyright release,
duly signed, is returned to you herewith.
I shall be glad to look over the revised
article again when it is returned to me.

Sincerely yours

B/P

LONDON, 125 HIGH HOLBORN

NEW YORK, 342 MADISON AVE.

OFFICE OF THE
AMERICAN EDITOR



NEW YORK

June 17, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I send you enclosed herewith proof of your excellent article on MINNESOTA for the New Volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Will you kindly read it over, see that it is correct, and return it to me at your earliest convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

American Editor.

FHH:HR

June 24, 1926

Mr. F. H. Hooper, American Editor
The Encyclopaedia Britannica
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Hooper:

I am returning to you herewith the proof
for my article on Minnesota for the new volumes of
the Encyclopaedia Britannica. A few corrections
have been indicated.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

Minneapolis, Aug. 21, 1925.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
67 Barlon Ave., S.E.
City.

My dear Professor Buck:

I just wanted to phone to you when I found out that you gave me a call this morning. I received a message calling me back to Chicago, and I am leaving Minneapolis to-day. It is very awkward for me to interrupt my work here, but unfortunately I have no choice. I am very sorry that I haven't be able to see you again before leaving, or at least to telephone to you this evening.

I expect to be back in Minneapolis for a few days in a month or so. Up to that time please accept my heartiest thanks for your kindness to me, here in Minneapolis as well as in Madison.

With respects to Mrs. Buck, I am

Sincerely yours

Charles D. Rice

April 7, 1926.

Mr. Charles F. Fick,
50 Shepard St.,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Fick:

Your Easter card went out to Minneapolis and has been returned to me here. I am very glad to learn of your whereabouts and am writing to let you know my address so that in case you are in New York at any time between now and the middle of September you can look me up. I should be very glad indeed to see you.

I caught a glimpse of your friend Dr. Poliak in the Columbia Faculty Club one day not long ago, but he got away before I could get to him.

I presume that you are doing some work at Harvard and hope that you find it profitable.

Sincerely yours,

SJB/JM

September 23, 1925

Miss Herta L. Fickert
1002 - 37th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

My dear Miss Fickert:-

I am forwarding your letter of September 21 to Professor Fish, who is chairman of the department of history at the University of Wisconsin. I do not know what the rules are there with reference to conditions but I will be glad to do whatever the department desires in the matter.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

NOV 28 1922

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

November 27, 1922.

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

My dear Buck:

Thank you very much for your note of November 24. I will certainly consider the matter. In the meantime, I am asking the Extension Division to send you a copy.

Very sincerely yours,

Tal Russell Gil

I believe we have not
sent our congratulations on
CRF-HL.
the notice received some time
ago of the birth of a son and
heir. We are both delighted and
congratulate you and Mrs. Buck. I
trust you are both or rather all
well
W. R. F.

DEC 6 1923

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

December 4, 1923.

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

My dear Buck:

This letter, alas, has three purposes. In the first place, it is an unwarrantably delayed acknowledgment of the delightful hospitality which I associate with you and Mrs. Buck. I always feel safe in my mind when I am asked to come to Minnesota, for I have a feeling that I will be in not only pleasant but comfortable hands. My delay in saying so is, of course, inexcusable, but is partly explained by the fact that I have been rushed off my head, among other things, to New York to attend a Council meeting, and, among minor things, one long afternoon with a Miss Woods, who had heard of my talk in Minneapolis, and expected me to divulge at once universal panacea for world peace and happiness.

In the second place, I enclose, also late, the review of Miss Kellogg's book. I have made it very short, but it seemed to me that, while important, there were not very many things to say about it, as it was hardly necessary to go into a disquisition of the value of Charlevoix. Will you please hand it over to whoever is acting for the Mississippi Valley,- I believe you said Shipee?

In the third place, in answer to your letter of November 20, the chance of getting you down here is one which would appeal very much to the Department, but at the present time the Department is even more interested in the possibility of remaining in Madison during the summer with a view to accumulating credit for future absence. That is, as far as next summer is concerned, we probably will have no opportunity to bring anyone in, unless, perchance, someone who specializes in teaching high-school teachers how to teach, which I do not suppose is one of your preferred assets. As you know, this is not always the case, as last summer, and quite possibly the summer after next, and whenever the opportunity comes you may be sure that I will keep you in mind as approachable. Would there be any possibility of your coming down for a segment of the regular session, say, during the second semester of next year?

With best regards to Mrs. Buck and yourself, as well as to my other friends in Minneapolis, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

CRF-HL.

C. R. Fish, Jr.

December 10, 1923

Dr. Carl R. Fish
Department of History
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Fish:-

In writing you about the summer session, I was not thinking specifically about the coming summer, but merely wanted to let you know that I would probably be available if at any time there should be a suitable opening.

My work at the University is so arranged that I could probably, with sufficient advance notice, get off for the spring term almost any year. That would be, I suppose, about the equivalent of the last two-thirds of your second semester. Whether or not it would be feasible for me to undertake to fill in at Wisconsin during the regular term, or, for that matter, in a summer session, would depend somewhat on the courses which your department would want me to give.

My range is somewhat limited, of course, and if I had to work up any subjects, I am afraid it would not leave me much time for the work at the Historical Society. Thus, I have never given the second half of the General Course in American History or of the History of the West. I have, however, given several times an intensive (pro-seminar) course called the West in American Politics since 1865, and I expect next term to give an intensive course on the British Period in the Upper Mississippi and Upper Lakes Country, 1763-1815.

I do not think Wisconsin would be interested in my lecture course on the History of Minnesota, but I could easily expand it into a history of the Northwest to 1815; in fact I gave such a course, followed by the History of Minnesota from 1815, the first year I was here.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JAN 13 1925

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

January 10, 1925.

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

My dear Buck:

I am extremely glad that you can come here for the summer and I will keep the matter of a house in mind for you. Are there any special factors, as of expense or furnishing that you would like to consider.

In the preliminary time table which has to be gotten out just now, I am putting you down for the first semester of the History of the West and a seminary undefined. Let me know if this is satisfactory and what field you would like to announce for your seminary.

Mrs. Fish and I both hope that your family can come down. We will be in the process of moving - I hope a final move - but we will find plenty of time to see you both.

Very sincerely yours,

Carl Russell Fish

CRF MP

January 22, 1925

Dr. Carl Russell Fish
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Fish:-

The orgy of our annual meeting is now over and I can take time to answer your letter of January 10.

If possible I should like to have my course entitled "The West in American History to 1815." The exact wording is not of great importance, however.

As for the seminary, I should like to deal with "The British Period in the Upper Northwest" if that is satisfactory. If I remember correctly you said something to the effect that Miss Kellogg is to give a course on the French and British periods. If, for that reason, you would prefer to have me take something else for the seminary, I will try to do so.

The domestic problem is still unsolved, but I hardly think that we will want a house in Madison. We might consider a lake cottage somewhere near enough so that I could drive out nights or at least week ends. It would have to be a modest and inexpensive place but so situated that we could get reliable milk for the children. I don't want you to bother to look for anything for us -- at least not now -- because our plans are so indefinite, but if you should happen to hear of anything that might fill the bill, we would be glad to have you let us know.

If I leave the family in Minneapolis, possibly Elizabeth can arrange to slip away from the children and spend a couple of weeks with me in Madison. I am looking forward to meeting Mrs. Fish again -- I have not seen her since the days of "You never can tell" -- and I should like to have Elizabeth meet her also.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 20, 1925

Professor Carl Russell Fish
244 Lake Lawn Place
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Fish:-

I have decided to go to Madison alone this summer and have made application for a room at the University Club. It is possible that Mrs. Buck may visit me for a week or two during the session but I shall be alone most of the time.

I was surprised to discover from the Summer Session Bulletin that you are not teaching this summer. I hope this does not mean that you will not be in Madison.

Sincerely yours

B/P

APR 28 1925

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

April 27, 1925.

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

My dear Buck:

Under the circumstances it makes no difference to me, except from your point of view, as to your being a bachelor this summer. I am sorry to say that I will not be in town. I was asked to go to Stanford, and a large variety of circumstances seemed to make it desirable, so I will be leaving here the middle of June and will not be back until early in August. I particularly regret this on account of the fact that you will be here, to take Paxson's place, and Coulter from Georgia to take mine, both of whom I should like to have the fun of meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

C. R. Fish

CRF-HL.

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JUN 10 1925

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

June 8, 1925

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

My dear Buck:

I am very glad you can get part of your trip and still not deprive us of too much of your presence.

Our procedure here with regard the books is the same as yours, and if you will send on your lists we will see that they are reserved. For the seminary, I should say, this would not be necessary as members will work mostly in the stacks.

It is hard to say how large your classes will be. I should suspect about seventy five in the "West" and ten or twelve in the seminary. There will, of course, be no objection to selling the syllabus to the students.

Very sincerely yours,

Carl Russell Fish

CRF LAH

Dear Books

You must struggle to come
and here sometimes. It is a
new reflection of American life
- whether a fading of the scene
into the Pacific, or one intensifi-
cation which ~~also~~ will shine
back, who can say. The material
represents the sublimation of
easy comfort, and of affect
artistic affect defending an
taste rather than labor, and
writers seem to give all that

is needed.

I hope you are comfortable in
Madison. Remember me to her
Dicks. We are both so sorry
we are not there to welcome
you. Even here we have remorse
if you never can tell.

Yours
Will Brewster

July 17. 1821-

September 23, 1925

Prof. Carl Russell Fish
Department of History
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Fish:-

I am sending herewith a letter which I have just received from one of my last summer's students in the history of the West. I recall the student speaking to me after one of the lectures to the effect that she was having a great deal of difficulty in grasping the work and that she had had no previous college work in history.

I do not know what your rules are with regard to conditions but I shall be glad to make out questions for a condition examination if desired. Under our rules at Minnesota she could take the examination next summer if she did not return to the university until then.

If you want me to do anything in the matter, it might be well to send me her examination book, which is on file in the history office.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

May 27, 1926

Professor Carl Russell Fish
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Fish:

As I believe you are the chairman of the department I am forwarding to you a somewhat pathetic letter that has just reached me. I have no recollection of the girl but suppose that you have some way of handling such things.

I expect to leave for a trip through the Middle West the latter part of next week and shall probably visit Madison where I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

67 Barton Ave., S.E.
Minneapolis, Minn.
June 27, 1925.

Mrs. William Blair Flandrau,
548 Portland Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Flandrau:

Mr. Buck and I have written a little book of stories for children, about Minnesota. We are going to use as one of the illustrations the picture of St. Paul in 1853 which you have recently had copied from the one in the possession of the Minnesota Historical Society.

It has occurred to us that instead of having the picture rephotographed we might get the negative which you have and have a print made from it. If you would be so kind as to let us take it, or let us know what photographer has the negative if it is not in your possession, we should appreciate the courtesy.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. Solon J. Buck)

Minneapolis, Minn. May 17, 1926:
1020 5TH ST. SE.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Your were good enough to promise me an introduction to our Volume 3. I have not been "down" for some time, but "they" have not let me know that it has been received.

It has occurred to me that reference to the shadows which appear in the picture would have been gladly omitted if the objects which cast them had not appeared on his ~~possession~~. Or "words to that effect." You will understand and will touch the matter discreetly or not at all if you think best.

This morning at about 11 o' clock we laid the body of our well-loved Professor Flather in Lakewood. The funeral was at the chapel there. He died on Friday night last (the 14th) after a few hours of suffering from Angina Pectoris. We were near neighbors and congenial and shall miss him.

I have sent Miss W. a batch of stuff for volume 4 and shall soon turn in more. I have made a very careful study of the "Tragedy of White Earth." I read it yesterday to R. J. Powell the lumbermen's attorney and to my surprise he did not kick, but offered some desired adds.

I am amused at the modern fashion to close letters with a "Sincerely Yours" as if the writer thought he might be suspected of insincerity.

I merely say that I am

Ever hondstly yours for sure.

*Dr. Solon J. Buck
New York City*

7-73 = Wm. W. Flather

May 27, 1926

Dr. William W. Folwell
1020 5th Street, S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Folwell:

Your letter of May 17 arrived the other day and I was glad to see once more your familiar signature. I have kept in mind the matter of an introduction to Volume 3 and will surely get it in in good season. I am glad to have your suggestions about it.

I was very sorry indeed to learn of the death of Professor Flather. He was a member of the dining club to which I belong and I was very fond of him.

Blegen has told me of your co-operation with him on the Minnesota committee for our endowment project and I assure you that it is deeply appreciated. Prospects are now that I shall be in Minnesota for a few days during the second week in June and shall be able to attend the luncheon that is being planned for the local committee and at which, I understand, you are to preside.

Trusting that the following conclusion will meet with your approval, I remain, sir

Your obedient servant,

SJB:W

February 10, 1925

Dean G. S. Ford
Whittier Hall
501 West 120 St.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Ford:-

I am sending you herewith a carbon of a letter which I wrote the other day to Miss Cline. As she may call on you in response to my suggestion, I ought to explain that she is the Columbia graduate student who has been making the calendar of the American Fur Company Papers in the New York Historical Society Library. I have never met her but she has done this work very well and Miss Nute, who knows her, is quite enthusiastic about her. I understand that she has her work for the doctor's degree about finished except for the thesis. ✓

I trust that you and the family are comfortably settled and are enjoying New York. From the papers I gather that the weather there has not been particularly fine. We have had about a week of warm spring weather and the snow is nearly all gone. It is colder today, however, and we will doubtless have plenty of winter yet. The family have all had colds except me but are better now.

I have accepted the Wisconsin summer school position, and the executive committee of the Historical Society has approved the arrangement.

Sincerely yours

B/P

The University of Minnesota
Graduate School
Minneapolis

October 26, 1925.

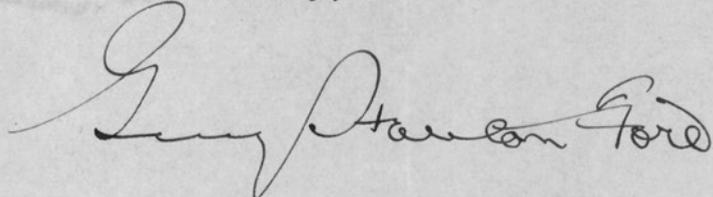
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Professor S.J. Buck,
History Dept.,
Old Library Bldg.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I should like to talk over with you the question of the Minnesota membership on the National Advisory Committee of the American Historical Association. This is a distinctly honorary list in connection with the Endowment campaign. It will be limited to one hundred names. Greene now has seventy-two acceptances. The one man in Minnesota that I suggested as a starter on this list was Dr. Folwell and he has written to him. We may suggest or secure three more men outside of the historical group but prominent in the Twin Cities or the State.

Sincerely,



DEAN.

GSF.r

Will you urge Dr. Folwell to accept.

M.F.

December 14, 1925

Professor Guy Stanton Ford
Dean of the Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Ford:-

As I have stated to you in conversation, I expect to apply for a leave of absence without salary from the University of Minnesota for the second and third terms of the current year. My reason for desiring this leave, as you know, is the fact that I have been asked by the council of the American Historical Association to serve from February 1 to September as the executive secretary in charge of its endowment campaign with headquarters in New York. I have consulted with Messrs. Shippee and Stephenson, the other members of the department in the American history field, and it seems that arrangements can be made so that my absence will not interfere seriously with the work of the department. My schedule of the work for the next two terms consists of one intensive course each term and a share in the American History Seminar. In the case of the seminar, the plan had been to divide the students into three groups, one under each of the instructors, but it would be feasible for Messrs. Shippee and Stephenson to handle them in two groups. It is believed that arrangements can be made for some graduate student to take over the two sections of the general course in American history which Mr. Stephenson is carrying, and thus enable him to offer intensive courses as substitutes for those scheduled for me.

As the action of the council will have to be ratified by the American Historical Association at its meeting in Ann Arbor during the holidays, I should prefer to postpone formal application for leave until after that meeting, but I suppose all the arrangements can be made tentatively in advance.

Sincerely yours

B/P

January 2, 1926

Dean Guy S. Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Dean Ford:-

Dean Johnston suggests that my application for a leave of absence should be sent to you for endorsement, and I am enclosing it herewith. I will appreciate it if you will turn it over to him after you have indicated your approval.

Sincerely yours

B/P

The University of Minnesota

Graduate School

Minneapolis

April 6, 1926.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Professor Solon J. Buck,
110 Library Bldg.,
Columbia University,
New York City.

My dear Buck:

I have just talked with Professor Gras about this local committee representative. On the whole, we think that probably Dr. Stephenson would be the best one. Would it not be better for you to write him direct. Send me a carbon copy at the same time. Then Gras and I will talk to him and see if we cannot persuade him that this is something he should do. I think the initiative should come from you and the reinforcement from us.

You will be glad to know that from what Gras said this noon, he is going to refuse the offer to go to the University of Chicago. I am greatly relieved. Now will come the case of Steefel. The University of Michigan have offered him an Associate Professorship at \$4000. We cannot meet this, but we can, I think, if the Administration will approve our plan, and make him an offer that will give him considerable hesitation about going to Michigan. The Department discussed the matter the other day, - at least the full professors did. We feel that to even propose to meet the Michigan offer would throw us entirely out of line within the Department and be the abandonment of certain general principles that we have made controlling factors in promotion. I am trying to get Donald Barnes of Oregon but am a good deal in doubt as to whether we will secure him, inasmuch as the Oregon situation is financially far more attractive, especially as Mrs. Barnes is in charge of the Nursing force of the University Hospital. Another problem is that I find there is no Extension work in History to suggest as a supplement to his salary. That too he has at Oregon. Clearly, if he comes, it will be at a considerable financial sacrifice, but from his letters, the opportunity to get into an institution like this is a great pull for him over the Oregon place.

I shall hope to see you later in the month.

Sincerely,

Gay Stanton Ford

Dean.

P.S. - Not so sure about Gras as I was when I dictated this.
G.S.F.

April 8, 1926

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Ford:

Your letter of April 6 has just come in and I have written to Stephenson, as you will see by the enclosed copy. I trust that you will be able to persuade him to undertake the job.

I am much distressed about Gras and Steefel and I am afraid that it is going to be more and more difficult to hold our department together. The matter of extension work to supplement salaries, to which you refer, is certainly a serious one. I find that practically every member of the department here supplements his salary very considerably either by extension work or other activities, and we shall have to devise something of the sort or greatly increase salaries if we expect to compete successfully with the eastern institutions.

I do not know much about Barnes, but have no one else to suggest. I can make some inquiries around here, however, if you want me to.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

April 13, 1926

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Dean Ford:

On behalf of Dr. Folwell I should like to request a renewal for the year 1926-27 of the grant of \$500 from the Research Fund for assistance in his work on his History of Minnesota.

The third volume of this work, which brings the narrative history down to date, is now in press and will be ready for distribution in two or three months. Dr. Folwell is at work now upon a fourth volume, however, dealing topically with various phases of the history of the state such, for example, as the development of education, and assistance upon this final volume is greatly needed.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

April 13, 1926

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Dean Ford:

Considerable progress has been made during the year on the Bibliography of Minnesota Newspapers and Inventory of Existing Files for which a grant of \$200 from the research funds has been available. Practically all of the data has now been assembled but there remains considerable work to be done in organizing and getting it into shape for publication.

The very capable assistant who has worked for me on this project in the past and who is now a student in the Harvard Law School will be available to continue the work during the coming summer. I hope, therefore, that the grant may be renewed at the same amount for the year 1926-27.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

August 7, 1926

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:

At a meeting of the executive committee of our Committee on Endowment yesterday the question was discussed of the management of the work of the committee during the fall in view of the fact that my leaves of absence from the University and the Minnesota Historical Society expire in September. The committee was very desirous that I should continue in charge of the work, and it is obvious that it would be very difficult for any one else to take hold of it at this stage.

I told the committee that I did not think that it would be possible for me to get a further leave of absence from the Minnesota Historical Society; in the first place, because it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for Elegen to arrange to continue to serve as acting superintendent; and secondly, because the prospective consideration of the society's budget for the next two years by the new State Department of Administration and Finance makes it imperative that I be on the job. As for the University, however, I said that I thought that it might be possible for me to secure an extension of leave for the fall quarter, and I suggested that if this could be done I might devote half time to the work of the Committee on Endowment, spending two or three weeks at a time in New York when feasible and handling some of the work in St. Paul.

The committee promptly asked me to make an application for such extension of leave and also asked Senator Beveridge, on behalf of the committee to send a request to the University authorities to that effect. I shall suggest to Beveridge that he write his letter to Dean Johnston.

If I considered only my personal convenience, I certainly should not want to make this arrangement, but I feel that the endowment project is a very important matter and that the prospects are good for putting it over successfully in the autumn if the work can be continued. I very much hope, therefore, that the Department and the University will find it possible and be willing to make the desired arrangement.

If I remember correctly, my program for next year calls for the History of Minnesota in the fall and winter terms, and an intensive course in the spring, together with a share in the seminar in American history throughout the year. I should think that it would be feasible for me to give the History of Minnesota in the winter and spring terms, and either carry a section of the seminar through those two terms or give an intensive course in one of them. This may throw some additional burden on Shippee and Stephenson, unless the money released from my salary can be used to provide extra assistance and give them relief somewhere else, but I am sure that they will be willing to make the adjustment that may be necessary.

Dean Guy Stanton Ford 8/7/26

You will be interested to know that every one of the ten members of the executive committee of the Committee on Endowment was present at our meeting on yesterday, including Beveridge, Greene, Bassett, Jameson, Moore, and Munro. The interest and willingness to work on the part of the leading members of the Association are certainly increasing. Greene asked some time ago to be relieved from the vice chairmanship of the committee, and Bassett has been acting in that capacity during the Summer Session here, but he is leaving for Europe in a few weeks. The committee elected Munro to the position, and he indicated that he would be able to give considerable time and attention to it. He has his work so arranged at Princeton that he can get away for several days every week if necessary, and as he has a daughter living in New York it is fairly convenient for him to spend considerable time here.

My western trip with the Columbia River Historical Expedition was very pleasant and interesting, and I think that it was worth while from the point of view of our campaign. I was sorry that I did not have time to stop over in Minneapolis and see you and other people there.

We are not, of course, collecting much money during the dog days; but we are making progress with the organization of committees and other preliminary work, and we hope to be ready to move forward rapidly in October.

I suppose that you either are, or soon will be, at Battle Lake, and I envy you the vacation there. We are comfortable situated in New Rochelle, but it is not exactly an ideal summer place. I hope to arrange to take a week off before long and go somewhere in New England for a rest. Remember us to Mrs. Ford and Tom and Janie.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

P. S. I am enclosing herewith a formal application for extension of leave that will be suitable for transmission to Dean Johnston. I suppose it will take some little time to get action, but I trust that you will let me have your own reaction to the proposition at once so that we can have some guide in making our plans. If the arrangement goes through I shall take the family back to Minneapolis the latter part of September and stay there a week or two, and then return to New York for a while.

August 7, 1926

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Dean Ford:

The work of the Committee on Endowment of the American Historical Association, of which I have had charge as executive secretary since February 1, cannot be completed in September as originally planned but will have to be continued until December.

The University of Minnesota very generously gave me a leave of absence without salary for the winter and spring quarters of last year to enable me to do this work. Under the circumstances I desire to apply for an extension of this leave of absence to the end of the fall quarter of 1926, in order to enable me to continue my services during that period for the American Historical Association.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

The University of Minnesota

Graduate School

Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

August 11, 1926.

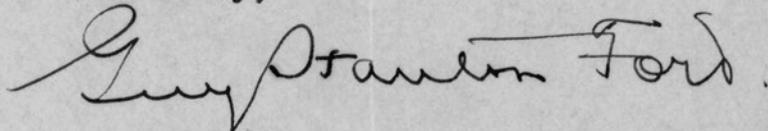
Professor S. J. Buck,
110 Library, Columbia University,
New York City.

Dear Professor Buck:

Perhaps this is a little bit late to say "I told you so" but I have had all along a sneaking idea that a situation like that presented by your recent letter would arise. Certainly I did not see how, with the intervening summer you could drop the work and feel that all had been accomplished that you had wanted to do and that the committee had expected. I am agreed that the fall work ought to put the campaign along farther. It won't complete it but possibly someone can take it up then. I will do what I can to see that the leave is extended. I felt I should really discuss this matter with Mr. Shippee. He is at the Lake and we have been delayed from day to day by the completion of the addition to the house. I hope we can get away at the end of this week.

You did not enclose with your letter to me the letter to Dean Johnston. He is at present out of town. A carbon copy of it was in the letter that Mrs. Krey handed me last night, but it is not with the originals that came directly to my office.

Sincerely,



Dean.

GSF.r

August 13, 1926

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
Stony Point
Battle Lake, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:

I am very glad to know that you are in favor of granting the extension of leave. Krey was mistaken in saying that I sent him a copy of a letter to Dean Johnston. I wrote two letters to you, a long one explaining the situation and a shorter formal one that I thought you could transmit to the Dean. Probably it is this second one that Krey had in mind. On the chance that the original of this letter was not enclosed with the other letter to you, I am sending you another copy of it herewith. Beveridge has written directly to Dean Johnston. He sent me a copy of his letter but asked me to return it to him, and I have done so, so I cannot send a copy of it to you.

I sent copies of my letter to you to Shippee, and I have talked the matter over with Gras, who feels that the leave should be granted if possible.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

The University of Minnesota

Graduate School

Minneapolis

December 23, 1926.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Professor S.J. Buck,
67 Barton Ave. S.E.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Buck:

While I have it in mind, I wish when you are at Rochester, you with Steefel whom I mentioned it to also, would meet Professor A.B. West of Princeton.

You remember he is the man to whom we cabled an offer of an Associate Professorship last spring. We hoped to have him come to us in the field of ancient history. I rather think by the way he is sending me reprints that he is still interested in our possibility because he took the Princeton place essentially in the Classical department simply to be with a collaborator and also material to finish his study of the Athenian Tribute List.

Sincerely,



Dean.

GSF.r

December 22, 1923

Professor Dixon Ryan Fox
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Mr. Fox:-

I wonder if it would be possible to have my name put on the complimentary list for the Quarterly Journal of the New York State Historical Association.

I am building up a personal collection of the better state historical publications, so far as I can pick them up through the kindness of my friends, and in exchange for the Minnesota History Bulletin. I think you are already on the complimentary list for the Bulletin and it might also be sent to the managing editor of the Quarterly Journal if desired.

If copies are sent to me they should be mailed to my home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E. Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours

B/P