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January 5, 1929

Professor Dexter Perkins  
University of Rochester  
Rochester, New York

Dear Perkins:-

Herewith I am sending you the plan for an inventory of manuscripts that I drew up in 1926. I firmly believe that if some of the influential members of the Association would take this matter up, they could get a fund for the carrying on of the work, and I also believe that the results would be extremely valuable for the promotion of research in American history. Possibly we could enlist the cooperation of the American Council of Learned Societies, for the inventory would be valuable to scholars in other fields besides that of history.

I am enclosing also a copy of my report on the Bibliography of Travel and a copy of the statement on the subject that I prepared for the Committee on Research of the National Geographic Society. The report was sent to Miss Washington on November 23, and on November 26 she wrote me that she was sending it to you with some other material. I am sending some data to Mr. Moore and I understand that he will get a decision out of the National Geographic Society. If this decision is adverse, I shall then take up the matter with Leland, who thinks that the American Council would be glad to sponsor the enterprise and endeavor to raise the money for it.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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DEXTER PERKINS, ACTING SECRETARY

Sent to committee members

January 9, 1929

The Executive Council of the American Historical Association takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr. Ivy Lee of New York as chairman of the national committee in charge of raising the American Historical Research Fund of one million dollars.

Although a layman, Mr. Lee is keenly interested in history and its allied social subjects. In 1911-12 he lectured at the London School of Economics. His most recently published work is a study of the social and economic conditions of Russia entitled Russia Today.

Mr. Lee succeeds the late Senator Albert J. Beveridge as chairman of this committee. His wide reputation as a publicist and his extraordinary range of personal associations have placed him in a singularly happy position, it is felt, to carry on the work so auspiciously begun by Senator Beveridge.

*Dexter Perkins*

Secretary, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Stony Point  
Battle Lake, Minn.  
July 13, 1929

Dear Perkins:

Your letter of July 5 has been forwarded to me here, where I am trying to get a few weeks' vacation before I start teaching in the second session of our summer school. I am 200 miles from Minneapolis and cannot get back there until July 27, the date on which the Ex. Com. of the A.C.L.S. is to meet. I had understood that Seland was not to be back until September - I think you wrote me to that effect - and as I had more things on hand this spring than I could possibly attend to, I left the matter of the statement concerning the travel bibliography

for August.

I am inclined to think, however, that the statements already written cover the ground and that from them you or Ireland <sup>can</sup> could easily deduce up something for presentation to the A. B. S. S. The fullest account of the bibliography and of plans for its completion is in a paper that I <sup>read</sup> prepared before the Bibliographical Society in Dec., 1927. This is to be printed in their publication and I received proof of it a few weeks ago from someone in the library of Congress. Probably a copy of the article or a set of the proof could be obtained from this man. ~~He~~ I think I sent a copy of it to Ireland, but he may not have it now.

A copy of the statement that I drew up for the Nat. Geog. Soc. was sent to you ~~some~~ some time ago, but you may not have access to it now. I am asking my secretary to make a search for <sup>copies of</sup> both of these documents, and if she finds them she will send them on to you.

Ireland ~~is~~ is fully sold on this proposition already, I believe, ~~and~~ I had a talk with him about it last December, but felt at that time that we should wait and see if those would be able to pay anything out of the Nat. Geog. Nothing has been heard from them, however, and I think we should go ahead. In the statement

for the Nat. Geog. I estimated the cost, exclusive of publication, at \$4,000. Seland was inclined to think the sum too small, and mentioned \$10,000. If we attempt to search for items in European libraries, \$4,000 would probably not be sufficient. I believe that a very much worth while job can be done for either sum or any amount in between. It is the sort of a job that can readily be cut or expanded to fit the amount available. I imagine that Seland thinks it would be easier to get a grant of \$10,000 than one of \$4,000; and I would certainly not object to the larger sum. My estimate was based on the

expectation that the money would be used only for clinical work and assistance of about graduate school grade, and that those who direct the work and scholars who might be asked to check and revise portions of it should not be paid. If the grant should be larger than needed, the balance might be used to underwrite publication.

I should add that more the \$500 appropriated by the U. H. U. for this year has not been drawn upon as yet, because for the reason that I have been unable to find an assistant competent to work on it without more supervision than I could give.

My wife worked on it some last year but this year her other and more remunerative jobs have take all her time. It would be a great advantage of course to have enough money available so that an assistant could be assured regular employment for at least a year.

I am sending this to my secretary to <sup>be</sup> typed before it goes on to you.

I hope you are having a pleasant time at Harvard and that it is not so warm in Cambridge as it was last summer. Give my best regards to the men in the department etc

Sincerely yours

John J. Buck

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American Historical Association  
Charles Moore, Tr.  
1140 Woodward Bldg  
Washington, D. C. NOMINATING BALLOT

1. Second Vice-President:

Charles A. Beard

2. Executive Council, Two Members:

Waldo G. Leland

Guy Emmerson

3. Nominating Committee, Five Members:

James F. Willard, Chairman

Louise P. Kellogg

E. Merton Coulter

Frederick Merk

Harry J. Carman

4. Remarks:

As an alternative to Beard I would suggest Justin Smith, whose work on the Mexican War certainly would entitle him to the distinction.

Leland would be a very valuable member of the council, not only because of his present position as executive secretary of the American Council of Learned Societies, but also because of his experience as secretary of the A.H.A. Guy Emmerson is a young banker in New York City, with considerable interest in history. I feel that we should keep up the practice of appointing a few such men to the council.

The members of the nominating committee should, I think, represent different sections of the country, and so I am suggesting one from New England and one from New York. Carman should be a valuable member of the committee because his experience as secretary of the endowment committee has doubtless given him a wide acquaintance among the members.

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ALLEN · R · BOYD · EDITOR

December 14, 1929

Dear Sir:

At its November meeting the Executive Council appointed the committees of the Association for the year 1930. You have been appointed as a member of the Committee on Bibliography. A list of the members of the committee is enclosed.

In providing for the appointments at this time, the Council has acted in the hope that it will be possible for those members of the committee who attend the coming annual meeting to discuss the questions of policy involved in their committee service.

Very truly yours,

DEXTER PERKINS,

Secretary.

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Committee on Bibliography:

Henry R. Shipman, Chairman,  
27 Mercer St., Princeton, N. J.

William H. Allison, 15 East Kendrick Ave., Hamilton, N. Y.

Solon J. Buck, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

Sidney B. Fay, Commander Hotel, Cambridge, Mass.

Grace G. Griffin, 1627 Hobart St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Augustus H. Shearer, Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, N. Y.



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January 14, 1930.

Dear Sir:

I am directed to inform you that at the December meeting of the Executive Council of the American Historical Association you were appointed as a member of the Committee on Endowment.

Very truly yours,

DEXTER PERKINS,

Secretary.

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis  
Minnesota.

Committee on Endowment:

Christopher B. Coleman, Chairman,  
334 State House, Indianapolis, Ind.  
James P. Baxter, 3d  
23 Brewster St., Cambridge, Mass.  
Solon J. Buck  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.  
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701 Hamilton Hall, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.  
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February 28, 1930.

TO MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:

In the Hall of Fame on University Heights, New York, nine additional busts, of personages recently elected to that position, are to be unveiled on May 8. One of them is a bust of George Bancroft, by Rudolph Evans. The cost, of bust and pedestal and setting and attendant expenses, is three thousand dollars. It is desirable that that sum shall be subscribed before the date named. Graduates of the United States Naval Academy, which Bancroft founded when Secretary of the Navy, have subscribed about \$1500. Dr. Clarence W. Bowen has added a subscription of \$250. In view of Bancroft's position as a historian, and of what American history owes to him, it would be highly appropriate that the remaining sum of \$1250 should, as far as is possible, be made up by subscriptions from members of the American Historical Association, of which he was the second president (1885-1886). The undersigned committee, ex-presidents of the Association, believe that many members would like to have a part in such a commemoration of him as is proposed. Contributions are invited. Checks, made payable to the treasurer of the Association, may be sent in the enclosed envelope.

JOHN B. McMASTER, *Chairman.*  
J. FRANKLIN JAMESON,  
ALBERT BUSHNELL HART,  
FREDERICK J. TURNER,  
ANDREW C. McLAUGHLIN,  
GEORGE L. BURR,  
EDWARD CHANNING,  
CHARLES H. HASKINS,  
EDWARD P. CHEYNEY,  
DANA C. MUNRO,  
JAMES H. BREASTED,  
*Committee.*

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March 5, 1930

Miss P. W. Washington  
40 B. St. S. W.  
Washington, D. C.,

My dear Miss Washington:-

Mrs. Furness has sent me her check in payment of part of her pledge to the Endowment Fund of the American Historical Association, and I am forwarding it to you herewith. Please be sure that an acknowledgment of it is sent to her.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE SECRETARY  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

February 28, 1930

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

Dear Buck:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 26. I am interested to learn of the joint meeting of the ACLS and the SSRC, and if you have time sometime to write me more fully with regard to it I should like to hear about it.

The AHA has appropriated \$500 for the Bibliography of Travel for 1930. I should think that Leland's suggestion as to the first requisition was a sound one. The bills as you surmise should be sent to Miss Washington.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Dexter Perkins*

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March 10, 1930

My dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of March 5 enclosing the check for \$25 sent by Mrs. Furness for the final payment on her pledge to the Endowment Fund. I am sending a receipt to Mrs. Furness.

Very sincerely yours,

*Patty W. Washington*  
Assistant Secretary.

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