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Would it be possible to give me a credit of $500. from the Haskell funds (for collections), to enable me at my discretion to take advantage of any of the above possible opportunities? In this connection I would indicate two other highly desirable outlays for the current year: first, exhibition cases for the Bismya monuments, $200; second, a cast of the Hammurabi Code--probable cost, with freight, $100.

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P.S. Kindly have these letters handed to me when signed and ready.

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CHICAGO August 9, 1905.

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CHICAGO August 2, 1905.

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My dear President Harper:-

The new plan which I propose for the Egyptian Expedition is this:

THE NEW PLAN.

Preliminary Remark.

In the Berlin Museum where the Royal Prussian budget is exceedingly strict, it is customary whenever the purchase of a rare monument would exceed the limits of the budget, for the Museum to ask a certain wealthy banker, James Simon to buy said monument which would otherwise be lost, and pay for it. The Museum then buys it of him, distributing the payment over a series of future budgets. What I propose then is that some friend of the University buy our initial equipment for us, and pay for it; and we then buy it of him distributing the payment over the two fiscal years 1906-07 and 1907-08.

The Plan, therefore, involves the following points:

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Office of the President

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This makes the financial statement for the proposed three years of work in Egypt as follows:

First year running expenses		$5200
Second year (running expenses	$6750)	
(	)	7500
(initial equipment	750)	
Third year "	" "	7500
Contingent fund		800
Total		$ 21000.

According to former calculation it was agreed by Mr. R. F. Harper and I, and the agreement was approved by the President, that about $21,000 should be appropriated for

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Contingent fund 800

Total $ 21000.

According to former calculation it was agreed by Mr. H. T. Harper and I, and the agreement was approved by the President, that about $21,000 should be appropriated for

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work in Egypt for the next three years.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Breasted.

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CHICAGO August 1, 1905.

Dear President Harper:

I am enclosing herewith the new budget for the running expenses of the Egyptian Expedition for 1905-6. This expense foots up to $5375., which is a cut of nearly $2000.00 from the budget first submitted to you. To meet this expenditure there will be a balance of $5500.00 on the Auditor's books for 1905-6. This budget involves the following points:-

First: The advancement of the money for publishing the Bismya monuments by the Press, or the postponement of the publication for a year.

Second: The addition of $216.66 to the salary of the Field Director, either from the budget of the University or of Haskell Museum.

Third: The purchase of the initial equipment for $1700. by some friend of the University, as a loan.

Fourth: Or, as an alternative to the second and third, the insertion of these expenditures (the second and third), (total, $1966.66; roughly, $2000.00) in the Expedition budget, raising the budget of the Expedition for 1905-6 from $5375. to $7375., involving an overdraft next June of $1875., or roughly, $2000.00.

I have just received a letter from a young Englishman, N. de G. Davies, of ten years' experience in Egypt, who has already published a series of valuable volumes (and whose great ability I can vouch for), offering his services on the expedition. He is without a position, and I think he would accept a proposition like the following for three years:

BUDGET of the ANNUAL RUNNING EXPENSES of the EGYPTIAN EXPEDITION

Director: traveling expenses to and from Egypt	$ 500.00
Director's salary	500.00
Mr. Davies's Personal ~~Engineer's~~ salary	600.00
Mr. Davies's ~~Engineer's~~ fare from England to Egypt, and return	200.00
Photographer's salary	800.00
Photographer's fare to Egypt from Germany	125.00
Native help in excavation at Napata	500.00
Maintenace (board, including service) of three men at $1.50 per day per man for 8 months	1000.00
Board of engineer and photographer during out-of-season (summer) stay in Egypt	150.00
Photographic supplies	500.00
Transportation of Expedition from place to place	250.00
Boxes, packing and freight	100.00
Drawing, impression paper and similar incidentals	100.00
Stationery, postage and petty expense	50.00
	$ 5375.00

SUMMARY of FINANCES for 3 YEARS' WORK of the EGYPTIAN EXPEDITION

First year, including initial equipment ($1700.00) and addition ~~of to~~ Field Director's salary ($216,66)	$ 7375.00
Second year,	6812.50
Third year,	6812.50
Total----------	$21000.00

Agreed

First year: salary, $600., and fare to Egypt and return $200.;
total $ 800.00

Second year: salary, $1000., traveling expenses $200.00;
total 1200.00

Third year: salary, $1000., traveling expenses $200.00;
total 1200.00

The acquisition of Mr. Davies would go far toward assuring the success of the Expedition. If the University is free to terminate the engagement of Mr. Persons, the engineer, I should like to be authorized to write Mr. Davies that the University of Chicago would be willing to make a contract with him on the above terms. We shall have to do this at once in order to secure Mr. Davies.

If there are any points in the above which are not clear, I should be glad to explain them at the earliest opportunity.

Very truly yours,

James H. Breasted

$200 1) Person rate Mr Davies $200

2) " both photog + engineer — not necessary to have another especially during the first year experimental.

$925 3) Board of your own men

$50 4) Board of your own men

5) Has not Person some money now? $300.

6) 1700 too large for outfit as compiled Bismya

7) Person has a complete surveying outfit and a drawing outfit with supplies.

8) Rebate on Director's living expenses

Question of postponement of publishing

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CHICAGO July 26, 1905.

Dear President Harper:

I have conferred with Mr. Arnett regarding the budget of the Egyptian ~~exploration~~ edition for the current year. As he has probably written you, we are confronted by the following situation: After paying Mr. Banks his salary until January 1, 1906, and the salary of the draughtsman for the Bismya things, there will be a balance available for the current year of considerably less than five thousand dollars, insufficient for buying the initial equipment and for supporting the Egyptian exploration during the ~~coming~~ current year.

I inferred from a remark of Mr. R. F. Harper's that the subscription for next year could be made available for use as far as might be necessary during this current year. Unless this can be done, the overdraft upon this year from last year will necessitate the loss of over a year and a half in our Oriental work. For the sake of the future of this work, and the pressing need that it should not be postponed, it is to be earnestly hoped that such delay may be avoided.

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CHICAGO July 18, 1905.

Dear President Harper:

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Very truly yours,

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