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Please refer in answering this letter to No. 18856

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Chicago, Ill.

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Will you kindly furnish us with particulars concerning your expedition, and also any photographs that would illustrate the subject, with your own photograph. This latter request is very important, as none of our matter is available for publication unless illustrated.

In return we will write a careful and dignified article which we are sure will meet with your fullest approval, and will take pleasure in mailing you copies of the same.

Thanking you in advance, and trusting that you will be able to extend us the desired assistance, we are
very truly yours,

THE GILLIAMS PRESS SYNDICATE.

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Cambridge, Massachusetts
November 24, 1903.

President William R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear President Harper,

I appreciate the honor you do me in inviting me to give a ~~course~~ course of Haskell Lectures at the University of Chicago, and it will give me great pleasure to accept the invitation.

The subject that I shall take has not yet quite clearly defined itself in my mind, but it will probably be one connected with the questions of the origin of Religion and the chief factors in its development. I should like to ask however, before going any further, what the subjects of recent courses of lectures on this foundation have been, that I may not perhaps say that that has already been said.

The only time during the college year when I can well be away from Cambridge for three weeks is in the period of our Mid-year examinations, say the last week in January and the first two weeks in February. Would that time meet your convenience?

I am very glad to hear that you have at last, after various experiences with the Turk, got permission to excavate, and I hope that the expedition may be as successful as you could desire. Dr. Peters wrote me a few weeks ago that you had spoken to him of the possibility of undertaking work of a similar kind in Palestine, possibly at Samaria. We should be very glad — I speak not only for myself, but for my colleagues in the management of the School

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W.R.H. 2.

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Excavations
Nov 24
1903*

in Jerusalem — if you were able to do so. You understand that we have no kind of a claim, even of the slightest sort, upon that place. Nies simply talked of Samaria as a project which we might take in hand, if he succeeded in raising the large endowment which he was after. If you should ever take up work in Palestine, I should hope that some arrangement in comity might be made by which the students of our School should have an opportunity of observing the conduct of operations and learn how such things are done. The English Exploration Fund under Mr. Macalister's direction at Tel-Gezer very kindly allowed us to do something of this kind last year. As I am upon this subject — I have often regretted that we did not count the University of Chicago among the Supporters of our modest school in Jerusalem. I have an impression that there was some reason at the time when Professor Thayer was canvassing for the School; though I never knew exactly what it was; but we are gradually collecting a good working library in Jerusalem, and are able through the co-operation of the Archaeological Institute to offer a Fellowship of six hundred dollars a year on competitive examinations; and we want to have the moral as well as the financial support of the universities and theological seminaries throughout the country.

Sincerely yours,

George D. Moore

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October 26th, 1903.

We all remember with great satisfaction the help taken by your father in the work.

Mr. Henry Samuel Morton,

141 Broadway, New York.

Yours very truly,

My dear Mr. Morton:-

I have just received a letter from Dr.

Peters in which he tells me of your approval of the plans which we are carrying out in reference to the proposed digging in Babylonia. I should like to have you know that I did all that I could do for the old committee while it was in existence. I found very serious difficulty in getting persons to contribute to a committee. Besides, it was impossible to get contributions until a firman had been secured for after the first year everyone was in doubt as to the possibility of getting the firman. I have no doubt myself that the firman was secured finally with much more ease than it would otherwise have been secured because an institution rather than a committee made application.

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TELEPHONE, 2230 CORTLANDT

141 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

Oct. 15th, 1903.

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Hoping that I may have the pleasure of meeting you sometime in

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*Dr. W. M. G. ...
to file in reference*

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December 3, 190

Mr. Jason Paige.

My dear Sir:-

You have been appointed Engineer of the Babylonian Section of the Oriental Exploration Fund of the University of Chicago for a period of three (3) years (December 1st, 1903 to July 1st, 1906). Your salary is to be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month from December 1st, 1903 to October 1st, 1904, and Sixty-six Dollars and sixty-six cents (\$66.66) per month from October 1st, 1904 to July 1st, 1906. In addition to this salary, an allowance of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) each way for travelling expenses will be given you. If, on account of exigencies, the necessary expenses of travelling exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), the excess will be paid from the fund. Your living expenses on the field will be paid by the Fund through the Field Director. The salary which will begin December 1st, 1903, will be paid monthly.

Your acceptance of this appointment implies that you are to remain in Babylonia with the Expedition until July, 1906, or until the Expedition shall cease. If the Expedition does not continue until this date, the Officers of the Oriental Exploration Fund reserve the right to terminate your connection with the Fund, at the cessation of the work. Should you leave the Expedition before the end of that period for any reason, you are to pay your travelling expenses to America.

The outfit necessary for your work as Engineer, photo-

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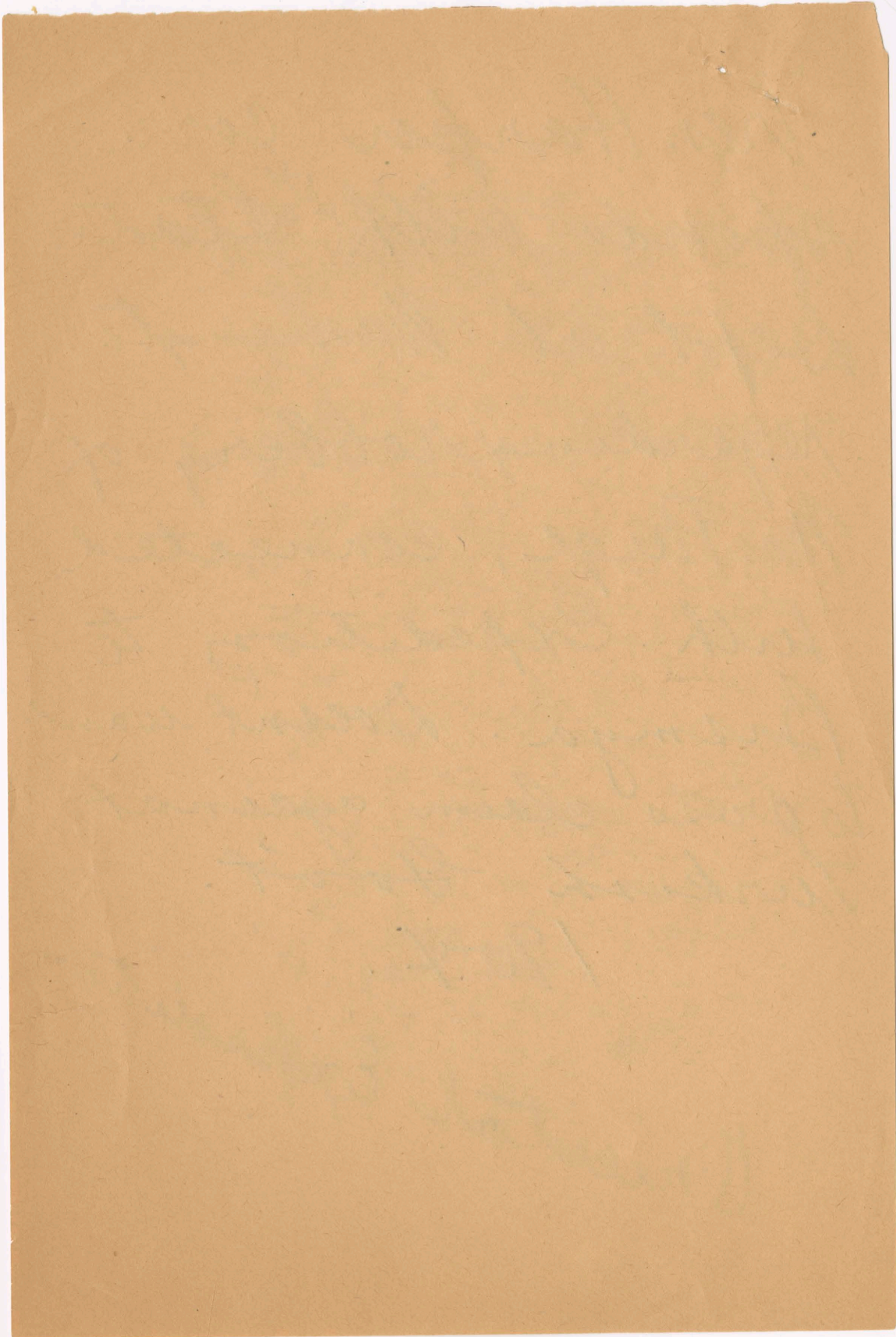
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General
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Pres. Harper corre-
sponds with State
Dept at Washington
regarding robbery of
Mr. Paige, connected
with Expedition to
Bismya. Doesn't want
to press claim against
Turkish Gov't.

1904.

Oriental Expedition



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July 21st, 1904.

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Department of State, Washington, D.C.

With many thanks to the American Minister to Turkey and to yourself for your kind offices in this matter, I am

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Taking everything into consideration, the University of Chicago, and the Officers of the Expedition do not wish to enter any complaint against the Turkish government. They are perfectly willing to regard the incident as closed.

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Your obedient servant,

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Yours,
Mr.

Mr. Leishman expresses the opinion that, as the caravan route between Bagdad and Damascus is difficult to protect against Arab raids, the Turkish Government may insist upon the work of excavation being discontinued, if this matter is pressed too vigorously, upon the ground that protection cannot be guaranteed to the excavation party.

The Department would be pleased to receive any report Mr. Paige may have sent to you.

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Money sent. July 14th
Chicago

Urrental
excavations
no date

The following cablegram 'x x x x x'
has been received from Paige at Beirut.
For the sake of our prestige in the East,
& in order to avoid an appeal to
Seishman, who must think that we
are a queer lot, I should recommend
that we send him \$200 net. The charges
of sending to be deducted from this
amount. Otherwise he may do us
incalculable harm in Beirut &
Constantinople. The incident
should be closed.

RAH.

JENA

MOZART STRASSE 1

August 18, 1903

My dear Dr. Harper,

Having returned from an excursion with my family and my father-in-law, Mr. J. A. Groos of Philadelphia, I found your letter of Aug. 13, which I hasten to answer.

All that you tell me, interests me exceedingly. And I shall do all in my power to support your explorations. You are very wise to keep everything out of the papers for the present. I expect to be in Constantinople about Sept. 15 (Hôtel D'In Palace) and stay there, as usual, several months. It will be best to discuss all the details, nay of proceeding

etc. really. If you can wait until then, I
shall gladly do so in Constantinople, if you prefer,
I shall be very glad to see you here in January^{time},
except first half of next week, when we shall
visit an old friend, the Princess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.
Let me hear again as to plans + movements.

With kind regards

yours very sincerely

A. V. Wilproucht

HERMAN V. HILPRECHT
1932 LOCUST STREET
PHILADELPHIA

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January 6, 1905

January 9, 1905

*Unsent
C.H. [unclear]*

My dear Dr. Harper,

Mr. H. V. Hilprecht,

1932 Locust Street,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*I have been informed yesterday by the Inspector
of the Ottoman Museum of Constantinople that the work
of your expedition at Bismayah has been suspended*

My dear Hilprecht:

*and other antiquities, and that legal proceedings
have been instituted by the Ottoman Government
as a result of your discovery of the
treasure of the Assyrian king, Sargon.*

Your letter of January 6th was received
this morning. I am as much in the dark as yourself. My brother
is now in Constantinople taking up the matter to which you refer.
I have no official knowledge of anything that is wrong. If Mr.
Banks has done anything contrary to the regulations, it has been
on his own responsibility and without the responsibility of the
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assed as indeed we all are and I am hoping that there is a mis-
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My dear Dr. Harper,

I, as a member of your Advisory Council, am
terribly embarrassed about this affair, especially as
I have to spend a good deal of time in Constantinople.
Will you kindly give me some explanation at
your earliest convenience.

Yours very sincerely

A. V. Kilgus

HERMAN A. HILBRECHT
1015 LOCUST STREET
PHILADELPHIA

March 25, 1905

Excavations
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I have told you everything, and the legation has in mind these three points. A word from you to His Excellency should be sufficient to close the matter. I will write to Mr. Jay, Secretary of the American legation, informing him that I have requested you to say a good word for us.

4. My advice in regard to point 2 of your letter, namely, the rumors that you were responsible for the discontinuance of work in Bismya, would be to pay absolutely no attention to this. The University has acted in this way, and so have I. We have not believed these reports, and for the sake of science and ourselves (that is, you and us) it is better to remain quiet and to refute all such rumors by co-operation in this line of work. Such a method is better than a dozen documents printed in Europe and America. I hope that you will agree with me on this point, as I myself dread any newspaper notoriety, whether it be good or bad.

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Finally, I was very sorry to hear of your state of health. You must take good care of yourself. I hope that by the time you sail matters in the Museum will be satisfactorily arranged, and that you may start for Constantinople with a light heart. Please let me hear from you again before you sail.

Very sincerely yours,

W. R. Harper

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Yours University.

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April 27th, 1905.

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April 2, 1865

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American Legation,

Constantinople, May 15,

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The story of your troubles quite coincided with the conclusion I had already reached, and the deplorable condition in which you now find yourself is one which a man less honest at heart would have calculated upon in advance.

Corporations they say are soulless and it was quite the natural thing that admitting that you were acting under immediate instructions, that in case of trouble, you would be made the scapegoat.

I am really heart broken over the matter as I had taken more than an ordinary interest in you and ~~am~~ was deeply interested in your future success, and after all my good advice and the efforts I made to caution you against making any false move, I can not understand how you allowed yourself to be influenced into engaging in such a questionable enterprise, and even when ~~determined~~ (?) to conceal the truth from one who had shown himself to be such a good friend, and had I not guessed the truth, judging from mere straws, I might have found myself in a most foolish position.

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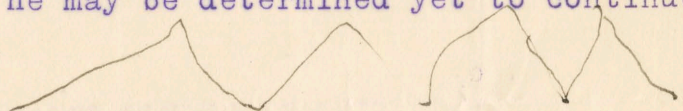
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July 5, 1905.

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Should it be sent to Constantinople I do not know what the Minister's intentions are, but do you not think it might be well if you would write him a line impressing upon him the tremendous value which the statue would have in this country, and the loss it might sustain in the hands of the Turks? I do not know as this course would be advisable. It is my duty to inform you of this, and your judgement in the matter will be infinitely better than mine.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Edgar James Banks

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Woodbury, Vermont.
July 5, 1905.

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Unrecorded
Hon. Elihu Root #2.

August 18, 1905.

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The work of America in this field is but beginning,

August 18, 1908.

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Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

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Trusting that our work in the Orient may enjoy the great advantage of similar official recognition, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

W. R. Harper

Hon. William Root 42.

August 14, 1902.

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Pres. Harper tries to
help Dr Banks out of
his troubles with the
Turks, and to recover a
valuable ancient statue.

Oriental
Excavations
1895

Geo. E. Hale, in Europe,
reports various gifts of
material

Recd
Woodbury Vermont,

August, 26th, 1905.

Dear President Harper:-

I thank you sincerely for writing to President Wheeler
in my behalf. ~~With~~ your assistance I hope to be able to obtain
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Very Sincerely Yours,

Edgar James Banks

August 26th, 1905.

Dr. E. J. Banks,

Woodbury, Vt.

My dear Dr. Banks:-

Your letter of August 23rd

has been received and the letter to Warner has been

sent.

With many thanks, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper

Send
Woodbury Vermont,

August 23, 1905.

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Woodbury Vermont,

August 22, 1906.

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Very Sincerely Yours,

Edgar James Banks

Rudolf Hurner Esquire,
American Consul, Bagdad,
Turkey.

Dear Mr. Hurner,

I am informed that there was left in your charge by Dr. Banks a box containing his effects, etc., which he has asked you to forward to this country. As I am taking a personal interest in him, it would be a favor to me if you would kindly forward it as he has suggested. If you will send it to me directly, or deliver it to the engineer while leaving, I will see that it reaches its destination. Any kindness which you may render Dr. Banks will be thoroughly appreciated.

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Very Sincerely Yours,

205 W. 120th Street, N. Y. City,

April 23, 1906.

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Professor Henry Pratt Judson,

Dear Sir:-

In an interview with Dr. Peters this morning, I learned that my previous letter was regarded as a kind of black mail. It had not occurred to me that it could be regarded in that light, for nothing of that nature was in my mind. If the letter conveyed that impression to you, I am exceedingly sorry, and if it is possible I would ask to withdraw it entirely. I gave the best that was in me to the University, and exerted every effort to make the expedition a credit to all concerned. Yet while the expedition was a remarkable success, fate did not deal kindly with me. I had the assurance of President Harper that I should be remunerated for the two years spent without salary for obtaining the jade; through my zeal for the expedition and no fault of mine, I found my prospects at the American Legation ruined; in Chicago I was deprived of lecturing at the University as President Harper arranged, why, I could not understand; I found myself forbidden to publish any of the inscriptions which I had discovered, yet a student is permitted to publish them; my request for a certificate was met with a practical refusal; my efforts to obtain a position in the University of

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500 W. 120th Street, N.Y. City,
April 23, 1906

Professor Henry Pratt Jackson,
New York

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Dr. Peter this morning. I learned that my
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impression to you, I am exceedingly sorry, and
if it is possible I would ask to withdraw it entirely.
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and exerted every effort to make the exhibition a
credit to all concerned. Yet while the exhibition was
a remarkable success, fate did not deal kindly with
me. I had the assurance of President Hooper that I
should be remunerated for the two years spent without
salary for obtaining the notes; though very great for the
exhibition and no fault of mine. I found my
prospects at the American Exposition ruined in Chicago.
I was deprived of securing at the University as
President Hooper arranged, why, I could not understand.
I found myself forbidden to publish any of the
manuscripts which I had discovered, yet a statement
is permitted to publish them, my request for a
copyright was met with a practical refusal; my
effort to obtain a position in the University of

California were thwarted, and finally, with health half ruined by exposure in Babylonia, without employment and without prospects of obtaining a livelihood, I found all of my prospects gone. I hope that I am mistaken in attributing the cause of a part of this series of misfortunes to Mr. Harper, and if I am mistaken, I would not only ask his pardon, but yours. It is possible, as I have been told, that my hard experiences in the Orient may have made me irritable at times. However, my previous letter was written in the belief that I have been wronged, yet with me there was no thought of black mail; I simply wished the justice which I believe is due me. I would therefore ask to withdraw the letter and would seek your pardon for unwittingly conveying any impression which is not straightforward and honorable.

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for unwittingly conveying any impression which
is not altogether forward and honorable.

Very sincerely yours,
Edgar James Banks

April 28th, 1906.

Mr. Edgar James Banks,
206 West 120th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 25th inst. is received. I must confess that your previous letter gave the impression to which you refer. I am glad to note that that was not your intent and to know that you withdraw the letter altogether.

Very truly yours,

H. P. Judson

April 28th, 1906.

Mr. Edgar James Banks,
206 West 130th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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Your favor of the 28th inst. is received. I must confess that your previous letter gave the impression to which you refer. I am glad to note that that was not your intent and to know that you withdraw the letter altogether.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Johnson

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EDGAR JAMES BANKS

~~201 WEST 120th STREET~~
~~NEW YORK CITY~~

South Woodbury Vt.

Nov 23, 1906.
November 15th, 1906.

President Henry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago

Dr. Edgar James Banks,

Dear Sir:-

South Woodbury, Vt.

I find among my papers
which I collected during the excavations in
Babylonia, a receipt for 50 lines (#220.)
Your favor of the 25th of August
seems to have been received during my absence from the
city and in some way was mislaid until now. If you
will be good enough to forward the receipt in question
to me for the University of Chicago, it will of course
be returned to you for it.

and which is returnable
upon the presentation of the receipt. Will
you kindly instruct me regarding it.

Very truly yours,

H. P. Judson

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Edgar James Banks.

President
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EDGAR JAMES BANKS
206 WEST 120TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

South Woodbury Vt.,
Aug. 23, 1906.

President Henry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago

Dear Sir:- I find among my papers
which I collected during the excavations in
Babylonia, a receipt for 50 Liras (#220.)
which I deposited with the authorities at
Constantinople, and which is returnable
upon the presentation of the receipt. Will
you kindly instruct me regarding it.

Sincerely Yours,

Edgar James Banks.

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Sept. 23. 1895
Dr. H. H. Woodbury M.

President Henry Pratt Jackson
University of Chicago

Dear Sir: I find among my papers
which I collected during the excavation in
Polynesia a receipt for 50 birds (4250)
which I deposited with the authorities of
Papeete, Tahiti, and which is returned
upon the presentation of the receipt. Will
you kindly instruct me regarding it.
Yours very truly
Edgar James Banks