Ithaca, N.Y.
Sep. 3, 1892.

Dear President Harper:—

I enclose herewith ms. on "Salaries". I regret exceedingly that it should have been delayed beyond the time you expected. The reason for the delay was a very severe and unlooked-for attack of Hay-fever.

The time which the paper has occupied is about 87 hours, which at $40 per hour amounts

to $ 34. 80.

I shall expect to be paid for the work only in case you find it answers your purpose; and in case it is available only in part, I shall expect pay only for such part.

I expect to stay here for a couple of weeks yet, — possibly rather more than that, — as I have some unfinished work for which I wish to use the library here.

Very truly yours T. B. Veblen

Univ. of Chicago
Jan. 23, 1893.

President W. R. Harper,

Dear Sir: —

In response to your request of the 21st inst. I have to say that I am not registered for any of the courses in the university.

I am employed, as I mentioned to you in conversation last Saturday, with (1) a study of Socialism, under Professor Laughlin's direction, preparatory to giving a course of instruction in the university the coming quarter, (2) a study of American Farming (just now, the preparation of a paper for the Journal on the probable course of the price of wheat), (3) a translation of Cohn's Finanzwissenschaft, (4) a correspondence course of instruction in the elements of Political Economy, in the University Extension Department.

Respectfully T. B. Veblen.

Univ. of Chicago

Jan. 23, 1892.

Prof. W.H. Welch

Dear Sir: —

I am requested by the Trustees of the Univ. of Chicago to make inquiries for a suitable person to fill the position of Professor of Pathology in the University.

The position is a permanent one in connection with the Medical School, with (1) a study of Pathology and Pathological Anatomy, including the position of Pathologist to the Cook County Hospital, (2) a study of Bacteriology (including the direction of a lab. for the Board of Health and the Health Dept. of the City) (3) a Professorship of Clinical Medicine, (4) a consulting practice of medicine in the Clinic of the Medical School in the University Policlinic.

Yours truly,

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Veblen

Stacyville, Iowa, July 18, 1893.

President W. R. Harper,

My dear Sir:

Your note of July 12th in regard to the terms on which the correspondence course in Pol. Econ. was assigned to me has been forwarded to me here. From what you say, I am not quite sure that Mr. Butler has conveyed my exact understanding of the matter, and I will therefore burden you with a repetition of it. I understood, when I conferred with you last winter, that the University would pay $2.00 for the copyright of

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each lesson paper (making $80.00 in all for a major of 40 lessons), this fee being due when the papers were handed in to the extension office, and without regard to the number of students who might take the course. In addition to this payment for the lesson papers, there was to be paid about $10. or $12. for each student who completed the course. In case the course were taken by few students this scheme of compensation would be more expensive to the University than the scheme which Mr.

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Butler explained to me the other day, though there would hardly be this difference in case of a course taken by a large number of students.

Fully appreciating that the number of students taking the correspondence course in Pol. Econ. would necessarily be small, I was unwilling to take up the work except on some plan that would leave the remuneration to some extent independent of the number of students, and I accepted your proposition only on the understanding that your scheme met my wishes in this respect. It seems that I accepted the work

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on a misunderstanding, and, such being the case, I now wish to lay it down. It happens that the course, as I have planned it, falls into two nearly equal portions, the first of which may be taken by the student as an independent course. The break occurs at the end of the 19th lesson, at which point a new text-book is taken up. I have now nearly completed this first half of the course, and shall discontinue the work when that point is reached.

Yours very truly,

T. B. Veblen.

Veblen

Stacyville Iowa, July 27, 1893.

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President William R. Harper,
The Univ. of Chicago,

Dear Sir:—

Your favor of July 22nd is received. I am very sorry to have caused any disappointment by my action with regard to the correspondence work, but if the compensation offered, according to the scheme as I now understand it, is so inadequate that I can not see any propriety in my continuing it. Permit me to say that, according to my recollection, when you spoke to me about the matter you stated, in answer to a question from me, that no exceptional or special arrangement could be made for any particular course. My impression has not been that any exception or departure from the general rule was made in my case, but that the general rule was different from what I now understand it to have been.

I must also beg to burden you with a slight further explanation of my position. In the interview with Professor Laughlin which resulted in my acceptance of the Readership, when he mentioned to

me in detail what work would be expected of me on account of the Readership, the correspondence work was not mentioned. Such, at least, is my recollection. Professor Laughlin had, on an earlier occasion, before anything was said about the Readership, remarked that if I staid the coming year I should probably have charge of the correspondence work in Political Economy, but I did not understand that my connection with the correspondence work would not be entirely optional and independent of any other work or position in the University to which I might be assigned.

I have taken the liberty to make this statement because I should very much regret to have you think that I am not entirely justified in laying down the correspondence work now on account of the misapprehension under which I took it up.

Very truly yours
T. B. Veblen.

Veblen

Chicago, Ill.
Jan. 9, 1894.

Dear President Harper:

I have written to Mr. Pratt to find out the nature of the work he wants done. If it turns out to be out of my line of work I shall return his note to you as soon as may be.

I thank you much for your kindness in thinking of me in connection with the matter.

Very sincerely yours,
T. B. Veblen.

Chicago, Ill.
Jan. 9, 1934.

Dear President Harper:

I have written to Mr. Pratt
to find out the nature of the work he wants done.
I will have out to do my first piece of work &
shall return his article to you as soon
as possible.

I trust you will be pleased to know
in finishing up my course in composition with
Mr. Wells.

Very sincerely yours,

C.B. Wilkins

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My dear President Harper

After having made an unsuccessful attempt to consult with you in person, I trust that you will not find it indelicate in me to intrude upon you in this manner with the request that you will kindly keep me in mind in the apportionment of salaries for the coming year.

Your repeated expressions of good will and appreciation have encouraged me to look with some confidence for an advance, and in this connection I beg to remind you, perhaps unnecessarily, that I am now at work for the third year with the grade and pay of Instructor.

Trusting that you will let my necessity serve as excuse for this importunity, I am,

Yours very truly, Th. B. Veblen.

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JAN 23 1899

Chicago, 21 Jan. 1899.

My dear Mr. Harper,

With regard to your kind note of the sixteenth January, I beg to call attention to the statement that my "term of appointment will expire July 1st 1899". In that connection it is to be said that my work (as well as the payment of my salary) in the University began with the months of October, and that accordingly if my term expires with June, the payment of my salary will at that time be in arrears to the amount of three instalments.

I have taken the liberty to call your attention to this detail simply in order to obviate a possible misunderstanding.

As regards my reappointment, the terms which you are kind enough to offer are, of course, somewhat disappointing, in view of the expressions of cordial appreciation of my work which have from time to time been vouchsafed me both by Professor Laughlin and by you; but I am content to leave the whole question of promotion in your discretion, believing as I do that what claimed

may have will not be overlooked when circumstances shall favor their consideration.

I shall accordingly expect to continue work with the grade and pay indicated in your note; and I beg to assure you that I fully appreciate your kindness and courtesy in the matter.

Yours very truly

Th. B. Veblen.

Mr. W. R. Harper,
President, The University of Chicago.

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President William R. Harper,
The University of Chicago.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Enclosed herewith please find two letters which Mr. Capps and I have prepared closing the Veblen-Scribner incident. We have thought that the matter should not be allowed to pass by without a strong expression of our feeling in connection with the same. To be sure, the amount involved does not run into the thousands, but a principle is nevertheless involved which we believe both Scribners and Mr. Veblen should recognize in the future.

Trusting that the letters will meet with your approval, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Norman Hiller.

January 16 1905

My dear Mr. Miller:

I do not wish to send the letter to Charles Scribner's Sons which you have prepared in reference to the Veblen matter. It is not such a letter as I can send them, because I do not think that they are, in all probability, to blame. Let me talk it over with you the next time.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Newman Miller.

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Mr. Newman Miller.

Confidential.

Re Veblen

10/12/09

Oct. 6. 1909

DAVID STARR JORDAN
STANFORD UNIVERSITY
CALIFORNIA

My Dear President Judson:

I have been able - with the help of Mrs. Veblen - to find out the truth in detail as to Professor Veblen's relations.

He seems unable to resist the "femme méconprise". It is fair to say, that on my final talk with him, he carried himself in manly fashion, with no attempt at denial or evasion. He has tendered his resignation to take effect at my discretion. This will probably mean with end of next year. For the

University cannot condone these methods, much as its officials may feel compassion for the individual.

Very truly yours.

David Starr Jordan.

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NEW YORK

March 24, 1919

President Harry Pratt Judson
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear President Judson:

You may be interested in a somewhat scathing review by Brander Matthews of Veblen's book.

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Flexner

AF/ESB

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Chicago, April 1, 1919

Dear Mr. Flexner:

Thanks for your copy of Mr. Brander Matthews' review. It is on the whole very moderate, and also very accurate. Mr. Veblen was once a member of our faculty, and we were quite willing to accept his resignation when he tendered it.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. Abraham Flexner
61 Broadway
New York City

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