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1) Contents Listing, Oxford University Gazette, No. 2120, Vol. LXVI, February 19, 1936 ; p. 398 : notice of the proposal to award Prof. Benjamin Merritt with Degree of D. Litt., honors causa - accompanying letter of March 7, 1936 from Director A. Flexner to Benjamin Merritt.

69 ALEXANDER STREET  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Dec. 12, 1936

Dear Dr. Flexner,

A letter has just come from Bowers which tells of an offer he has at Harvard. So far as he gave me details they are these:

1. A professorship created especially for Bowers
2. Initial stipend \$10,000 and good prospects of increase
3. About 8 hours a week work
4. Generous sabbatical holidays

Sincerely yours,

Ben

November 23, 1936

Dear Ben:

Many thanks for your note informing me of the generosity of Mr. Edison. When you write to express your thanks, express mine and the appreciation of the Institute also.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
69 Alexander Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

AF:ESB

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Nov. 19, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

A former associate in Athens, Mr. Charles Edson, Jr., reports to me that he has secured a complete set of squeezes from the district of Bactiaca in Macedonia for the Institute. He spent two months in the field making the squeezes, for which I furnished the paper on condition that we receive one set.

I am delighted, and thought you might like to know.

Sincerely yours,  
Ben

Meritt

November 16, 1936

Dear Ben:

To date, as I understand it, Miss Shipway's time will be divided as follows:

For Professor Capps' dictation 10:00-12:00 daily

" Professor Panofsky's dictation  
Tuesday, Friday - 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
at McCormick Hall or 114 Prospect Avenue

I thought it best not to arrange definite hours for you and Miss Goldman, as Miss Shipway will be at 69 and will be ready to help you both when she is not working with Professors Capps and Panofsky. Miss Goldman will be leaving Princeton in January, and thus Miss Shipway will have more time for your work beginning with February. After a week if you have any recommendations to make regarding definite assignment of time, don't hesitate to let me know. I am sure that you all have plenty of work for her. Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

October 9, 1936

Dear Ben:

Some day when you are in this neighborhood drop in and look through the books on my shelves. There are some Greek texts and perhaps some other things that you may want to add to your collection, and you are welcome to them. There are also some books of the same character in our apartment in New York and I should like you, if you happen to be in New York and have an idle hour on your hands, to look over the shelves there and relieve them of their classical "junk".

Always sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
69 Alexander Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/CE

69 ALEXANDER STREET  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

October 6, 1936

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I remember our conversation of this summer about possible appointments in the Humanistic Section of the Institute, and wish to give you this record of my opinion favoring the appointment of Miss Hetty Goldman, with whom I have been associated from time to time since 1922, when we were both at the excavations of Colophon in Asia Minor.

Miss Goldman is recognized as an outstanding explorer and excavator, who has done excellent work in both historic and prehistoric investigation. Her "Fach" is a desirable complement to my own historical-epigraphical studies, and I should look forward to close association with her in the Institute with the greatest of pleasure. Miss Goldman's published reports and books have been admirable, and I think of her appointment not with a view to any commitment of the Institute to field work as such, but as an opportunity for Miss Goldman's further exploitation of her unpublished material so that she may prepare it and studies coming from it for publication.

I should be particularly interested in continuing my own work with her on Colophon, but this I mention as one item only. The important thing, as I see it, is to get her here where she can carry on her whole program most successfully.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

69 ALEXANDER STREET  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

October 5, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I wish to give you a record of my opinion on the desirability of appointing Edward Capps as Visiting Professor in the Humanistic Section of the Institute. Without qualification of any kind, I am heartily in favor of asking him to be associated with us.

The appointment of Capps, who is one of the best-known and most highly respected classical scholars in America, would lend distinction to the Institute as such, and in particular his association would be most helpful to me because of the close connection we both have with the excavations of the Athenian Agora, Capps being chairman of the Managing Committee of the American School at Athens and chairman of the Agora Commission of the School, while I hold the less prominent positions of member of the Managing Committee and of the Agora Commission, and of member of the excavation staff in charge of epigraphy.

Our work together would thus afford a concentration which I know would be most useful to me — and I hope in some degree to Capps — in forwarding the best ideals of scholarship in which the Institute is interested.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt



62 Little Road,  
Princeton, New Jersey,  
September 29, 1936.

Dr. Abraham Flexner,  
Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I wish to give you a report of my activities while on leave of absence from the Institute, and a brief statement of my plan of work for the present year.

By invitation from Oxford University through Professor Gilbert Murray I was appointed University Lecturer in 1935-1936 for two terms in the historical section of the Faculty of Literae Humaniores. During Michaelmas term I was associated with Wadham College where I lectured twice a week, once on Greek inscriptions to undergraduates (about seventy-five) and once on problems of Greek epigraphy for the dons and tutors (really a seminary with about twelve tutors in attendance). During Hilary term I was associated with Trinity College, and continued the seminary, though not the undergraduate lectures.

In the Oxford Christmas recess, and again from mid-March to late May, I was in Athens studying the new inscriptions from the Athenian Agora. For these periods I held from the American School of

Classical Studies at Athens an appointment as Visiting Professor, and lectured in the Epigraphical Museum one morning a week to the students of the American School. I also prepared a report for publication in Hesperia, the Journal of the American School, on the newly discovered inscriptions from the Agora (now in press), and obtained for the library of the Institute a complete collection of squeezes of all the inscriptions in the Epigraphical Museum, in the Agora, at Eleusis, and on the Acropolis.

This is the nucleus of what I hope will be the most complete collection of squeezes in America, and a very valuable reference collection for epigraphical work by all scholars on this side of the Atlantic. While at Oxford, I succeeded in getting for the Institute the complete collection from the Ashmolean Museum; and Mr. William H. Buckler gave to me for the Institute his entire collection from the excavations of Sardis. These squeezes are now all in Princeton, and I have made further arrangements for the acquisition of squeezes from the museum at Smyrna. The building up of this collection of squeezes has received favorable recognition from the Committee on Materials of Research of the American Philological Association and from the

Archaeological Institute of America. The Archaeological Institute sent to me an unsolicited grant of \$250 which I spent during the winter in preparation for further acquisitions.

The sum of \$2500 voted by the Institute for Advanced Study was used as designated during the year in making the collection of squeezes in Athens (about \$400) and in obtaining the foundation of a working epigraphical library (about \$2100). The books thus acquired are now in Princeton.

During the winter I also collaborated with H. T. Wade-Gery of Wadham College in writing a paper on "Pylos and the Assessment of 425 B.C." which has just been published in the American Journal of Philology (Vol. LVII, pp. 377-394).

My plan for the present year is to continue the study of the new inscriptions from the Athenian Agora, for which I have the responsibility of editorial supervision and which now number more than four thousand - being assisted by Sterling Dow and William S. Ferguson (by invitation) of Harvard, by James H. Oliver of Columbia, by my assistants at the Institute Mr. William K. Pritchett, and by two fellows

of the Agora staff in Athens, Mrs Margaret Crosby of Yale and Mr. Eugene Schweigert, a former student of mine at the Johns Hopkins.

I shall also continue work on the epigraphical collection of the Institute, and on the preparation for publication of "The Athenian Tribute Quota Lists," responsibility for which will now fall largely on me since the untimely death this summer of my collaborator, Allen B. West of Cincinnati. During the winter I shall also conduct a seminar of one hour a week (on Wednesdays) for the graduate students at Johns Hopkins on "Greek Historical Inscriptions," this last by special arrangement between the Institute and the Johns Hopkins University, where the Academic Council and the Trustees have appointed me Visiting Professor.

Very respectfully yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

October 1, 1936

Dear Ben:

Thank you for your kind letter,  
which gives me precisely the information that  
I want. I wish I could include the whole of it  
in my report to the Board, but that would make  
the report unduly long. I shall, however, use  
the gist of it.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
69 Alexander Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/MCE

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHILOLOGY  
THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

September 29, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

The enclosed letter is  
written in response to the  
request in Dr. Flexner's letter  
of September 24.

Sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

September 24, 1936

Dear Ben:

There is to be a meeting of the Trustees of the Institute on October 13. At that time I am in the habit of presenting a report, in which this time I should like to include a statement regarding the work which the new schools expect to undertake this year or in the near future. Would you be good enough to prepare for me a brief statement which might include a short account of your peregrinations last year? Riefler and Mitrany have already furnished me with such a memorandum, and I shall ask Panofsky for one also.

I am glad that you and Elisabeth are here. It may be that I shall see you before this reaches you.

Ever sincerely,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
62 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF:ESB

The Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Maryland

September 17, 1936

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey  
20 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

I am much indebted to you for forwarding my mail here to Baltimore. Any mail that comes up to and including Saturday may also be sent here, if you find it convenient. After that I think it would be wise to hold mail for me at Princeton. We are all planning now to move into the house on September 23rd, and we may reach Trenton the day before.

Arthur had his tonsils removed this morning by Dr. Crowe and appears to be getting along nicely. I think we shall be able to leave Baltimore in time to reach Princeton according to our schedule.

With warm regards from us all to you,

Sincerely yours,

*Ben*

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Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Bailey or Miss Eichelber,

We are leaving camp on Saturday  
the 12<sup>th</sup>, so please do not forward any more  
mail to me here. I think it would be best  
to hold it until we reach Princeton (about  
the 23<sup>rd</sup>). We shall probably be in Baltimore  
next week, and if we have to stay some  
days I will send you the address from  
there.

With best greetings as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

Meritt

August 24, 1936

Mr. E. M. Passman  
Assistant Vice-President  
Davis, Turner & Co.  
3-19 Bridge Street  
New York City

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In accordance with your letter of August 20th  
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The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N. J.

Att: Miss Marie C. Eichelser

Gentlemen:-

With further reference to your letter of July 15th regarding the case from B. H. Blackwell, Ltd., Oxford, England, which was not delivered to you, we immediately, upon receipt of your letter, took the matter up with the truckman, who handled this shipment, as your letter was the first advice we had that there was a case missing. We found that the truckman, who we used for the first time, the Apex Express, Inc., 35 Desbrosses Street, N.Y.C., is very unreliable, and never advised us about the shortage. In fact, he has refused to do anything for us to clear this matter up. The result is that we have to pay three (3) months storage on this case, and we had to send another local truckman to pick the case up, which was finally located after considerable trouble. We are, therefore, taking the liberty of forwarding this case to you by Railway Express, charges collect, and we would thank you to kindly advise us when you have received this shipment and that the matter is entirely in order.

We are sorry that you have been troubled this way.

Yours very truly,  
DAVIES, TURNER & CO.

*E. M. Passmore*

Ass't Vice-president

EMP:CS

July 28, 1936

Mr. G. E. Giese, Import Agent  
American Express Company  
65 Broadway  
New York City

File: Customs-8941-Library

6 cases Greek Inscriptions SS "Examiner"  
due at New York July 20, 1936

Dear Sir:

In accordance with my letter of July 18, I am sending you the executed declaration in connection with the above-mentioned shipment.

As I stated previously, Mr. Morgenthau has ruled that the Institute for Advanced Study is entitled to import material for its library free of duty. These facsimiles are the property of our library. They are copies of original material, made by an impression process, and we see no reason why they should not be entitled to free entry under the Tariff Act of 1930, as are photographs, prints, and other such copies or facsimiles of original material.

Thanking you for your courtesy and hoping for an early reply,

I am

Very truly yours,

MARIE C. EICHELSEER

July 15, 1936

Mr. E. M. Passman  
Davies, Turner & Company  
8-10 Bridge Street  
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Re: BMP-91716

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Yours very truly,  
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July 18, 1936

Mr. G. L. Giese, Import Agent  
American Express Company  
65 Broadway  
New York City

File: Customs-8941-Library

6 cases Greek Inscriptions SS "Examiner"  
due at New York July 20, 1936

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 17, enclosing an affidavit for execution in connection with the above shipment. There is not an officer of the Institute available at the moment to sign the affidavit, but I am mailing it to the Director for his signature, and I will return it to you at the earliest possible moment.

In the meantime I should like to say that this material is intended for the Library of the Institute for Advanced Study and should have been so addressed. It will become a permanent part of our Library and will be used solely for educational and research purposes. We have been informed by Mr. Morgenthau that material for the Library of the Institute would be admitted duty free.

Very truly yours,

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Very truly yours,

G.E. GIESE  
Import Agent.

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July 11, 1936

Mr. G. E. Giese, Import Agent  
American Express Company  
65 Broadway  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Re: 6 cases copies of Greek inscriptions  
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about July 15, 1936

In reply to your kind favor of July 8, may I say that  
the consignment from the Agora excavations consists of facsimiles,  
or as they are technically known, "squeezes", made from inscriptions  
which have been dug up from the Agora. They have no commercial  
value but are, of course, priceless to Greek scholars who are  
endeavoring to complete or revise our knowledge of Athenian history.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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Gentlemen:-

We have advice of the above mentioned consignment from the Aghora Excavations, Athens, Greece. Although our instructions are to arrange free delivery to your goodselves we have no advice as to the nature of the contents of these cases other than the above description. We will accordingly appreciate it if you will advise us exactly what these copies of inscription consist of. We would also like a statement as to the approximate value of same. You understand that this information is necessary to effect Customs entry and secure release.

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*G.E. Giese*  
Very truly,  
G.E. GIESE  
IMPORT AGENT

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHILOLOGY

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Magnetawan, Ont.

June 28, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

Your letter came yesterday, and I gave your message to Wes last night when he came home from his day's work at Lloyds'. We have walked through the woods and around and about your camp, which seems to be in order. I know you will be glad to get here. The flies have disappeared; mosquitoes are not overly numerous; and the weather has been superb - warm and with lots of sunshine. We shall all be glad to see you.

In Princeton I did look at the house. Following Mrs. Bailey's suggestion that perhaps

the second floor would be more convenient, I looked carefully and thought that I would need two rooms. The two most suited to my purpose are the connecting rooms on the corner toward the theological seminary. I want to talk with you here about the arrangement of them. In the meantime I hope the books and squeezes that Blackwell sent have been released from Customs. I shall be sorry if they hold up the consignment from Greece for a long time when it arrives.

Betty joins me in much love, and we look forward to seeing you soon,  
Sincerely yours,  
Ben

150 East 72nd Street, New York  
June 24, 1936

Dear Ben:

Following the receipt of your letter I wrote Doctor Pritchett offering him a salary of \$1,000 to be your assistant next year. We shall doubtless hear from him in the next day or two.

I am not quite sure yet as to the precise day/<sup>on</sup> which we shall reach the camp, but I may say that Professor von Neumann is coming with Mrs. Bailey and myself as well as the two colored girls. Mrs. Flexner is due in Quebec on July 9 and will therefore get to camp not later than July 11. I wonder if you would be good enough to stroll through the woods and take a look at our place and let me know whether anything is left of it after the winter's storms. Also, will you be kind enough to see Wes and tell him that we expect to reach camp about July 4 and ask him to have the boat in order and the house - bedding, etc. - aired and arranged about that time? I am most anxious to get away, for I find that the longer I stay here, the more I have to do.

You will be interested to learn that largely through a gift made by the Rockefeller Foundation the Institute has come into the possession of a collection of Oriental books which, so I am assured by the Curator of the Oriental Department of the Library of Congress, is next to the collection in the Library of Congress the most valuable in America and among the most valuable in the world.

How are Betty and the children and the Chancellor and Mrs. Kirkland? I

B.D.M.

June 24, 1936

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the  
was delighted that Princeton had conferred a degree of LL.D. upon the Chancellor.  
No man alive has earned that distinction more than he.

One thing more about next year. We are, as I think I told you, having  
the house at 69 Alexander Street done over and a new heating plant installed.  
I imagine you saw the house while you and Elizabeth were in Princeton. Will you  
give me some idea as to the amount of space that you will require in these temporary  
quarters? Lowe will be in the same building, and others also, as far as its  
capacity permits.

With all good wishes and much appreciation,

Always sincerely,

~~ARTHUR W. FLEXNER~~

AF:ESB

Dear Ben:

Will you please thank Elizabeth for her charming letter? I am delighted  
that your house troubles are over for next year.

I am spending most of my time in New York with an occasional day at  
Princeton - a sort of double-life, that keeps me busy!

With kindest regards to you all,

Very sincerely yours,

ESB

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
Magnetawan, via Burks Falls  
Ontario, Canada



Magnitawan via Burt's Falls  
Ontario, Canada, June 18, 1936

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

In order to make effective one provision of the budget about which we spoke on June 5 I wish to recommend to you the appointment of William K. Pritchett, Jr. as my assistant for the coming academic year at a stipend of \$1000. I have spoken with Mr. Pritchett, and he will accept the position if it is offered to him.

Pritchett is from Atlanta, Georgia. He did his undergraduate work at Davidson College, receiving the degree of A.B. in 1929. He then spent two years at Duke University, receiving the degree of A.M. in 1931. Since then he has been at the Johns Hopkins University, studying with

C. W. E. Miller from 1931 to 1934  
and with me from 1934 to 1935,  
when he was my assistant in  
Epigraphy. He has continued his  
work in Epigraphy as Gildersleeve  
Fellow during the year 1935-1936.  
His preliminary examinations for  
the doctorate have been satisfactorily  
passed and he expects to take his  
degree within a year, upon  
completion of his dissertation.

Pritchett may be addressed  
at the Johns Hopkins University,  
Homewood, Baltimore, Maryland.

Very sincerely yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

American School of Classical  
Studies at Athens, Greece  
May 13, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

My plans for leaving Greece and returning to the United States are to sail directly from Patras to New York on the S. S. Vulcania on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. According to the schedule we should reach New York on June 4. There were serious difficulties in the way of my going via Berlin, one of them being that Richner planned to be in Frankfurt during late May and early June, and another being that my baggage would cause not only inconvenience but undue expense.

Whether Betty will meet me in New York I don't know. In any case I look forward to coming to Princeton soon after arrival — if not immediately. Both of us will probably be there at Commencement time, June 15. I am glad to say that

the epigraphical collection here has at  
last been made. I carried the last  
squeezes this morning from the National  
Museum to the Agora, and half of them  
are packed ready for shipment. There will  
be delay, for I have to get a permit  
for export which the Agora business  
staff is undertaking for me, but by the  
end of summer anyway the squeezes ought  
to be in Princeton.

I shall wait until seeing you  
before making any move about next  
year's assistants, but there is lots we can  
both do — and I look forward to doing  
it. You cannot imagine how I look  
ahead to the opportunity for real study  
with ample equipment such as I have  
never had before.

Trincerely yours,

Ben.

May 6, 1936

EMP-91716

Mr. E. M. Passman  
Davies, Turner & Co.  
8-10 Bridge Street  
New York City

My dear Mr. Passman:

I have your letter of May 4. The five cases shipped by Messrs. B. H. Blackwell, Ltd., Oxford, England, contain books, second-hand and new, to be used by the School of Humanistic Studies of the Institute for Advanced Study. They have been purchased by the professor of archaeology who during the present school year has been working in England and Greece on leave of absence from the Institute. The paper impressions are facsimiles of inscriptions which the professor himself was permitted to make for the use of the Institute for Advanced Study through the courtesy of the British Museum and Oxford University. They were therefore not purchased, but I think \$300 a fair monetary value, and I have accordingly instructed the Secretary of the Institute to make such declaration in the enclosed form. All of this material should be entered free of duty, as it will be used by the Institute for purposes of study only.

Very truly yours,

**ABRAHAM FLEXNER**

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Princeton, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

We have received shipment of five (5) cases containing Books and paper impressions, which we understand are for study at your Institute.

In order to get this shipment entered without payment of duty, it is necessary that you fill in the attached form, have same signed by an officer of the Institute and sworn to before a Notary Public.

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Will you also let us know the separate value for the paper impressions, as the invoice which we have does not show this. Also, let us have information as to what these paper impressions are used for and whether they are to be entered free of duty with the Books.

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American School of Classical  
Studies, Athens, Greece.

May 2, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

I want to acknowledge at once  
your letter of April 15 which came today  
saying that the Trustees had acted favorably  
on the requests I had made for the next  
academic year. That is splendid! I want  
to get home now and start my program  
of work. It is a wonderful opportunity  
that I have at the Institute and I  
certainly do appreciate it.

By now some boxes should  
have reached you, prepaid, from Blackwell's  
in Oxford. I have just had word from  
him that they were sent.

With best greetings, as ever,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Ben

American Set of Classical  
Studies, Athens, Greece.

April 30, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

My stay for the past month in Greece has been one of the busiest I have ever known, and this accounts for the fact that I have not written more often to you. The Agora continues to produce documents of great interest, and I am trying hard to keep my note-books more or less up to date so that I can work on them next year in Princeton. We have just appointed to the Agora staff one of my students (Eugene Schweigert), and I am happy to have him as a liaison man for the coming year. He will keep me informed of the new discoveries, answer my inquiries about the old stones, and take over some of the responsibility for editing one class of documents.

At present there are five of us working on the Agora inscriptions: Sterling Dow (who will be at Harvard next year), James Oliver (who will be at Columbia), Margaret Crosby (who will be in Athens), Eugene Schweigert (also in Athens), and B. Meritt (at Princeton). My task is to manage a smooth coöperation and to see



that the work gets done as promptly and as satisfactorily as possible. Within the last month I have reviewed and prepared for the printer a volume of 121 texts by Dow, which will make a book of about 250 quarto pages to appear as a supplement of Hesperia. This task has taken two solid weeks and I turned it over to Shear only tonight. I have also finished my own report on seven-teen inscriptions (about 200 ms. pages), all but the index, and that will go off to the printer before I leave Greece. We can read proof on it together this summer!

In the meantime, I have been busy with the epigraphical collection for the Institute. The three men who have been working for me since December in the Epigraphical Museum have continued steadily, and have about one more week to go before the museum is finished. I have another man working at Eleusis, and a fifth on the Acropolis. It is an amazing lot of material, and I am delighted with

it. We shall have by all odds the best collection in the United States. At the same time I have made an arrangement with a party going out to Smyrna that they will get for us the squeezes of inscriptions there; I am providing paper and material in return for the finished product when they are through. Nothing here in Greece ever seems to go quite according to schedule, and I have had no end of trouble importing the paper through the Greek customs, but so far we have not had to stop work, and I think I have some of my funds still left for the last two or three weeks.

I am beginning to feel ready for camp again, and anxious to get home. For one thing, I want very much to talk with you about the archaeological work that the Institute has taken over for Princeton, and to give you some expressions of opinion that I have gotten from people in England and here in Athens about possible opportunities for the most effective work. I am, of

course, much interested; and I do want to talk with you.

Whether I can manage the trip to Berlin is somewhat problematical. I am inclined now to think that when my work here is done I had best come directly home. That would mean sailing on the "Vulcania" from Patras on May 23 and arriving in New York toward the end of the first week in June. I should plan to come directly to Princeton, in the hope that I might see you for a brief visit at least, and then go on to Nashville for a week or so before taking Betty and the boys up to camp. It will be one of the best summers ever there, and I can promise you a full account of everything. What I don't remember, I am sure Betty will.

Please give my warmest greetings to Mrs. Flexner, and to Mrs. Bailey.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

American School of Classical  
Studies, Athens, Greece.

April 22, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

I have much to write about, and shall try to get off a letter to Dr. Flesher soon. My work here allows some prediction now of when I shall start toward home, and so I write to you on account of the mail. I shall leave Athens on or about May 22, and I imagine that no letters sent after this letter reaches you would reach me here.

In early June I shall stop at Princeton on my way from New York to Nashville, but will write you more fully later.

With best greetings, as ever,

I am, sincerely yours,

Ben

April 22, 1936

Dear Ben:

This morning I received your letter of April 7, enclosing Bowman's letter and your reply thereto. I am delighted with the way in which your work is progressing, and, of course, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to find that some Oxford folks wanted to come to Princeton to work with you whenever you are ready to have them. The details we can discuss some day when we are sitting in the sunshine on the dock, though I must say that thus far this season there has been nothing to indicate that there will be any summer anywhere. For a few moments yesterday there was a breath of warmth, but long before I left the office in the afternoon I was glad to have on everything which I had been wearing through the winter.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I wrote to Bowman, from whom I have not heard. Your own letter to him seems to me perfect in every way.

We had a letter from Elizabeth and also a couple of books which the Woodwards sent over by her. The news from her and the children is first rate.

At the moment Anne is in London, having sailed just a week ago today. She has been working on a play with an English background and has gone to London for some material. She will, of course, return in good time for the Abbie season.

I spent this last week-end in New York with Jean and Eleanor, both

Professor Meritt

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of whom are fine. They are planning to go to England together about the end of June for two months, renewing their friendships in London, Oxford, and Cambridge, and perhaps seeing parts of the country which may be new to them. It will make it somewhat dreary at the camp, but I am delighted to have them so happy in each other's company.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
American School of Classical Studies  
Athens, Greece

AF/MCE

April 15, 1936

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
American School of Classical Studies  
Athens, Greece

My dear Professor Meritt:

I have pleasure in informing you  
that the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced  
Study at the meeting held on April 13, 1936,  
acted favorably upon your requests for the next  
academic year, as listed on page eight of your  
letter of March 7, 1936.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Secretary

American School of Classical  
Studies, Athens, Greece.

April 7, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I am enclosing a letter which I have received from President Bowman of the Johns Hopkins and a copy of my reply to him. Frank wrote to me asking if I would consider giving a seminar next year as I once told him I personally would be willing to do if they could not for financial reasons appoint a successor to take my place at once. I replied to Frank that I was still willing but that I thought the request should come from the University to the Institute, for what it amounts to practically is that the Institute would be lending me for this course. I should really like to do it, for the sake of the Hopkins in a bad time, and for Frank's sake - and for next year at least I have all my Oxford material which is fresh



in mind and would take little or no preparation. I don't expect any recompense, though I do think they would probably pay my way back and forth when I go down. I am sure that you will have a letter soon from Bauman, and I hope you approve for next year. If you don't, I have left a way out in my letter to Bauman saying that we may want to talk it over this summer, and then I can take the responsibility of disappointing them if that seems best. I have tried not to leave this responsibility with you, though I really am interested very much indeed in the future of the Greek department at Hopkins and would like to help them out.

I made it clear in my letter to Frank that it could be only a temporary arrangement, and that I would not be interested unless President Bauman

planned to get a good man in as soon as he could. This is what he refers to in his letter to me.

There is one other consideration which makes next year seem easy. I shall have to make periodic trips to Baltimore anyway because of Jimmy's engagements with his orthodontic expert. The added trouble to me of meeting the students at Homewood would be slight, and the service to the Greek department would be, I think, well worth it.

We are busy in Athens with our collection of squeezes. That job is now about three fourths done, with three men working every day getting the impressions in the Epigraphical Museum. I think it will be finished well before I start home, and it will be a great help in work next year. The Agora continues to produce exciting documents. Last week was

discovered the base of the statues of  
Harmodios and Aristogiton who killed  
the tyrant Hipparchos. It wasn't all discovered,  
just a small corner of it really with a  
few letters

Η ΑΡΜΟΔΙΟ  
ΤΡΙΔΑΛΕΜΕΘΕΤΕΝ

But on Sunday I found the quotation of  
it in the Greek Anthology in the Simonidean  
collection, and we can restore the first  
part entirely

[ἦ μέγ' Ἀθηναίοισι φῶς γένεθ' ἦνίκ' Ἀριστο-  
γείτων Ἰππαρχον κτεῖνε καὶ Ἀρμόδιο[s]

Wilamowitz thought it was a drinking  
song, and it was actually the epigram on  
the famous base for the statues in the Agora!

Professor Myers from Oxford has  
been spending some days of his Easter  
vacation here. I had him take dinner  
with me Sunday night, and among other  
things he said that he planned to send

over, as soon as he could manage it, some of his ancient history people to study epigraphy at the Institute. That will be fun indeed, for the Oxford dons are a good lot, and I should like a year with Meiggs, for example, who may possibly come. So far it is just a plan, and an expectation, but from my point of view at least one in the right direction.

I have now almost finished my next epigraphical report for Hesperia, and have only to make notes on the new discoveries before I shall feel that my immediate job here is done. Possibly I can get away about June 1. I am anxious to get down to Nashville for a little time before the family all starts for Athens. I shall keep you informed of my plans for leaving well in advance.

With best greetings, as ever,

Sincerely yours, Ben

COPY FOR  
DR. FLEXNER

American School of Classical  
Studies, Athens, Greece.

April 7, 1936.

Dear President Baurman,

I was glad to have your letter of March 21, and I do indeed understand your caution about making a commitment as to the chair of Greek before the next year or two has passed. In the meantime, I shall be glad to give a seminar provided it seems to Dr. Flexner a suitable arrangement. I have had no real opportunity to discuss the matter with him, for I have been away the entire year, and perhaps he will not want to say until we can talk about it this summer whether I ought to come down to Baltimore one afternoon a week. I expect to return to the United States early in June and may see Dr. Flexner then. In any case I expect to see him toward the end of June or very early in July. I believe that I could so arrange the seminar that it would be quite in line with the study I shall be doing in Princeton, and I should like

very much to help the department there  
over a difficult time. It would be my  
understanding that so far as I am  
concerned at least I should receive no  
remuneration. I think also that I  
ought not to plan now on more than  
next year, for my work at Princeton  
may take a different turn later that I  
cannot now foresee. I think there would  
be no difficulty in making the seminar  
conform to the Princeton year when I  
am sure to be in residence, but that is  
a detail which perhaps I could arrange  
with Frank.

In any case, I shall be glad to  
have you write to Dr. Flexner, and I shall  
write to him myself. I am much  
interested in the classical tradition of  
the Hopkins Graduate School and wish  
you every success in making a new  
appointment possible.

Sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

April 2, 1936

Dear Ben:

Yesterday I received your letter of March 24 from Paris, today I received your letter of March 23, written at Southampton. I can fully sympathize with you in your regrets at leaving Oxford. Princeton is our nearest approach to it in this country, but we have a long way to go until we obtain the peculiar urbanity that Oxford and Cambridge have built up in the course of the centuries. However, I am certain that you are going to make a contribution towards that,<sup>end</sup> though none of us will live to see an American university that can quite rival the great English seats of learning. Meanwhile, you have another kind of satisfaction: namely, Oxford and Cambridge are themselves not perfect, and you have made a contribution to them and given a stimulus to them which will also bear fruit with the increasing years.

I hope very much that you can make arrangements to get squeezes from the Louvre collection.

Campbell was down to see me a few weeks ago and made a very favorable impression.

We shall be hoping to hear from Elizabeth when she reaches Baltimore, and we are all looking forward keenly to our annual reunion in Canada. Between now and then Mrs. Flexner may make a short trip to England, but she will be at

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Ahmid by the beginning of July. Eleanor and Jean are talking of spending their summer in England, visiting their old friends and walking the countryside.

Mrs. Bailey and I, however, plan to open the camp about the first of July or thereabouts, as soon as we receive assurance from you that the black flies and mosquitoes have ceased to annoy such sensitive folk as we are.

I received some time ago the somewhat lengthy report which you made of your activities, and I shall use it in preparing a report for the Board. I am certain that there will be no difficulty about making the other arrangements which you need for your work next year. In fact, Mrs. Bailey pulled out the other day your drawings, but I am wondering whether it would not be better for you to have the work done after you reach America under your direct supervision.

The Institute has had an extremely happy and prosperous year. On the thirteenth Anne and I are giving a garden party on the grounds of the Princeton Inn. We gave one last year, which was a great success, and we hope that the weather gods will be equally propitious to us again. Next year you and Elizabeth will be with us.

Von Neumann is lecturing this summer by invitation at the University of Paris, and Alexander at the University of Cambridge. Most of the mathematicians are going abroad to a great International Congress at Oslo. Panofsky is going to Spain. As to the plans of the others, I do not know.

This carries you affectionate greetings from Anne and Mrs. Bailey as well as myself. Please give Capps a good hug for me.

Ever sincerely,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
American School of Classical Studies  
Athens, Greece

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF:ESB



March 30, 1936

Dear Ben:

Thank you for your letter of the twelfth, which should have been answered sooner, but getting out the Bulletin No. 5 and with a Board meeting imminent we have been pretty busy at 20 Nassau.

We have been so thrilled by all the reports regarding your degree and your Oxford experiences. What a wonderful year it has been for you and Elizabeth and Kirk! I suppose Arthur won't remember these months as vividly as the rest of you!

By this time you are in Greece, and Elizabeth and the boys are approaching America. We shall hope to hear from Elizabeth soon, and of course I shall attend to any requests that she makes. You will also be glad to know that I have written to your mother today in accordance with your letter of March 12.

Spring is here, and Princeton is quite lovely. I am making a list of house-possibilities for you for next year, and the list will probably grow, as the end of the term approaches.

With greetings and all good wishes from us all, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

P.S.

Knowing your appreciation of a good story, I must tell you this: The superintendent of our building said to Charles (negro) the other day, "Well, Charlie, spring will be here on Saturday next." Charles asked, "Where is it now?" The superintendent replied, "Oh, it is at Philadelphia, it will take two days for it to reach Princeton." And Charles believed him!

Paris, March 24, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flemer,

All arrangements have been made for my departure tonight for Athens, and I am just waiting now for train-time. This afternoon I called on Charbonneau, who was a contemporary of mine in Athens in 1920 and who is now the assistant curator of the Greek and Roman antiquities at the Louvre. We had a pleasant talk, and I report it to you because I think the way is clear when we wish it for getting squeezes from the Louvre to add to our Princeton collection.

I shall see Charbonneau again in Athens in April when he goes out to Syria to inspect (for the Musée National) the excavations at Antioch. In the meantime I have sent my greetings by him to Campbell. The "Judgment of Paris" mosaic is beautifully displayed in the Louvre. I hope they get something equally good this year.

Sincerely yours,  
Ben

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TELEGRAMS:  
WELCOME, SOUTHAMPTON.

SOUTH WESTERN HOTEL,

SOUTHAMPTON. March 23, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

We leave England with many regrets. It has been a very enjoyable year, and one full of the happiest sort of experience for all of us. I have learned much at Oxford, and have had the satisfaction too of thinking that I could make some small contribution to the work of this historical

faculty. We had a final  
dinner party for the Wade-Cropps  
yesterday at Lyndhurst, and  
this morning moved to  
Southampton.

I have just said good-bye  
to Betty and the boys on the  
"City of Hamburg", and in a few  
hours shall cross to Harve and  
Paris. On Friday I expect to be  
in Athens, where there is much  
to do before I start again  
toward home.

Please give my warmest  
greetings to Mrs. Flumer.

Sincerely yours, Ben

March 17, 1936

Dear Ben:

I imagine that you received my cable from Arizona where I spent two glorious weeks. I have sought a decent winter climate in Egypt, Italy, and the Riviera. It does not exist in any of these places, but Arizona has it in abundance and to spare. I had two such weeks as I have never had except at Ahmic at its very best: cloudless, slightly warm days when it was a joy just to sit in the sun and be alive, but I have come back greatly refreshed and invigorated.

My cable was a very mild and brief expression of my gratification that your scholarship had been so distinctively recognized by one of the great humanist universities. I do indeed congratulate you and Elizabeth, and I hope that you may be spared many years to carry on here in Princeton and elsewhere the interesting and important research upon which you have made so auspicious a beginning.

I was also delighted that you and Elizabeth broke away from the almost too heavy social and educational routine of Oxford in order to see something of the English country before you left. Your letter indeed led me to remark to Anne that before too long a time passes she and I must spend another spring term at Oxford, for we were very happy there, and I think that I should be even happier if I went there as a visitor with no lectures on my uneasy conscience.

Soon Elizabeth will be sailing, and I hope very much that she and the children are going to have a good trip and that she will let me hear about you

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all. The first signs of spring have just reached Princeton. We are beginning to play with the idea of meeting at Ahmic. If we are well, it ought to be the most interesting summer we have ever had there, for we shall have more to talk about than ever before.

With all good wishes and affectionate greetings in which Anne and the children join,

Ever your friend,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

P.S.

Many thanks for the London Times and the Oxford University Gazette with the interesting accounts of your degree.

A.F.

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
American School of Classical Studies  
Athens, Greece

AF:ESB

P.S. #2

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have just written to Buckler thanking him for the gift which you mentioned in your letter of February 27. It was a handsome present and is deeply appreciated.

A.F.

P.S. #3

March 19

Since I dictated the preceding I have received your letter regarding the visit to Berlin. You may remember that I suggested to you when you went abroad that you ought to include Berlin in your itinerary.

I do not think that there is any real danger that you will be embarrassed by the University. Princeton has not been invited to send a representative to the Heidelberg anniversary, unquestionably because Einstein is here, and I am quite sure that the University of Berlin will not honor one of Einstein's colleagues. In your place I should write Kirchner and say briefly that you hope to visit Berlin for a few days before your return, unless you feel sure that you will find him there in any event. In that case you need not even write. Having gone there, you can act incognito, see the men and the things quietly that interest you and sneak out. If any suggestion should be made that you be given an honorary degree, I should in your place say that your acceptance would be dependent upon the approval of the Trustees of the Institute. In this way you would gain time. I should not wish your Oxford degree tarnished by accepting a degree from a university, of which the present Rector is a "vet".

I am enclosing cards of introduction to Dr. Otto Jeidels, a prominent banker and a close friend of mine, and to Professor Wolfgang Windelband, who after a distinguished career in the Ministry was demoted by Hitler to be professor of history at Berlin and has now been further demoted by being appointed to a

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professorship at Halle. He is a charming person, and these two men would be able to give you any advice that you may need on the spot.

A.F.

Dr. Otto Jeidels  
Behrenstr. 32  
Berlin, W. 8

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Windelband  
4 Grunewald, Beymerstrasse 6  
Berlin

Trinity College, Oxford,  
March 12, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

We "go down" day after tomorrow, and I have been trying hard to leave in good order. Some small packages have already been shipped to the Institute. Blackwell and Co. are now packing the Ashmolean and Gardis squeeze, which will come in a sizeable box. They will also send the books on in boxes when the binding is done. I have instructed them to make their shipments to the library of the Institute in the routine way.

Before I leave this land where one can still arrange financial matters, may I ask your help in two things?

1. On April 1 (after the late March salary is deposited) please draw against my account a cheque for \$201.50 payable to Mrs. Cornelia F. Meritt and mail it to her at Vernon, Oneida County, New York. This is a loan that made possible the purchase of our Morris Eight, and I want to repay it now.

2. If Betty writes to you for money, please send her whatever amount she asks for. This won't be so bad as it sounds, really. She will be in Nashville, and will possibly need more than she can take with her from here. But she will tell me by letter when she writes to you and for how much. I shall feel much happier knowing that she can write to you.

Nothing has happened yet to make me change my plan for going to Greece. I sail from Southampton on March 23 and take the Simplon-Orient Express from Paris on March 24.

With many thanks to you, I am, Sincerely,  
Ben



Trinity College, Oxford,  
March 7, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flemer,

As this year comes to its end at Oxford, I am thinking more and more of the program of work which I shall have next year in Princeton. Of course there is the constant and important task of studying and preparing for publication the new inscriptions from the Agora. I shall have notebooks full of material for future study when I leave Athens in June. Also I shall have sent over to Princeton by that time a collection of some 15,000 or 16,000 squeezes. Most of these will come from Greece, but one good box is being sent to the Library of the Institute, 20 Nassau St., Princeton, by Blackwell + Co. here at Oxford. 25 contains the complete set from the Ashmolean Museum and all the squeezes from Sardis given to the Institute through me by W.H. Buckler.

I am bringing with me also the MS about which I wrote to you containing the unpublished notes of Sir George Wheeler. It will require time and study, for it contains

Copies of 397 inscriptions made in Greece in the late 1600's. This and the Agora alone would keep me well occupied, but I do want to get on with my work on the Attic Tribute Quota lists. I have done something this year in this direction, making new readings from the stones in Athens - and devoting two of my lectures in Oxford to the problems thus raised.

Then there is another item of interest in the archaeological-epigraphical world which I must report to you and which will concern me next year, I think with profit and proper recognition to the Institute. The Dutch scholar J. J. E. Houdius of Amsterdam is editor of the epigraphical journal Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum. His eighth volume is about to appear, and volume IX will then contain those texts of Attica discovered in the last ten years or in which new restorations have been proposed within the last ten years. Under the date of February 8 Houdius has written to me as follows:

"After having used about 10 years to get all around the field of C.I.G., I am returning to Attica. Every insider easily understands my bewilderment in overseeing the harvest of these ten years! No one better than you — being one of the chief culprits — knows what has been done during this period in the field of Attic epigraphy. Ne multa, my first question is this: is there any possibility for the S.E.G. to have profit of your vast learning on this subject? Different kinds of coöperation are possible. For example, I could send you all my material asking you to complete it. Or you could compose what you have noticed. Or I can compose a full list, in the order of I.G., of all items I noticed, and send you a copy of it to complete. All this is concerning the emendations on previously published texts. As for the new ones, I am in doubt how

to act. I am inclined to give in full all the material belonging to I.G., I<sup>2</sup>, though this is only the slightest part. What to do with the bulk of the material belonging to I.G., II<sup>2</sup>, especially in view of the forthcoming Corpus of Kirchner? And what about a full edition of the finds by yourself?? Personally, I should advise to allow us to publish all this material in S.E.G."

This is a call for help that I can't really ignore, and I am of course tremendously interested in the successful publication of the Supplementum Epigraphicum Caracenum. I have written to Houdier to send to me in Princeton after October 1 his full list of inscriptions noticed, and I have promised to make to it such additions as I can. The publication of Agora texts directly in S.E.G. must be discussed with Shear, but I am sure that many of our documents, from the purely scientific point of view, can best be handled in this way - and I shall so recommend to

Shear. It means a further obligation next year in Princeton, but on the whole a pleasant one.

What I should really like, as I think of carrying out next year's program, is to have someone to help me with the arrangements and fitting of the squeezes and in the making of cross-references between them and the standard publications. This is full-time routine work, and I should like not to have to spend the time on it myself if I can help it. It is this consideration which has led me to suggest for your consideration an item in the budget for the School of the Humanities next year which I have put in specific terms on page 8 of this letter.

As this year has gone by, I find that I have so far spent well over three quarters of the book-fund allocated to me, and so far more than half of the squeeze fund. However, I cannot yet give a final

reckoning, because I haven't found yet all the books I need and the squeezes will mostly have to be paid for and shipped during the months of April and May. I have given on the attached sheets a financial statement of what has been spent so far, and how. But I should like to have you approve that the unexpended balances be left at my disposal until I get home and can really call the work for which the money was granted finished.

As I look forward to next year, I should also like to be able to buy certain books which I know are to appear and to add in a modest way at least to the collection of squeezes. If it does not seem excessive I should like to ask for an additional appropriation of \$250 over and above the balance that may be left over now, for the year 1936-1937. The

Money I know may not be available, or it may be planned already for some more pressing need, but the Assistant and the Book and Squeeze fund would surely lighten and speed along my work tremendously. I have thought that the assistant might require about \$1000.- for his life in Princeton from Dec. 1 to early May. I have in mind, if you approve, a Hopkins man who has been a student of mine, who was my assistant at the Johns Hopkins, and who knows the problems with which I have to deal, William K. Pritchett, who is now in his last year of work for the Ph. D. in Baltimore. If he should have other plans for next year I have in mind one or two others who might give the help required and who would be glad to have the opportunity to do so.

My suggested items in the budget, then,  
for 1936-1937 are these:

Assistant for filing squeezes and comparing them with publications	\$ 1000.—
Book and Squeeze Fund	\$ 250.—
Continuation of balance of appropriation from 1935-1936 into 1936-1937	??

I have been wondering what the houses  
are like on the new property acquired by  
the Institute. Lowe asked me whether there  
would be work-rooms available there, and I  
had to confess that I didn't know. I am  
interested of course in just this question, very  
much as Lowe is. I don't suppose by  
any chance that one of the houses is  
not suited for work-rooms but admirably  
suited for a family with two small  
children! We shall be looking for a  
place to stay soon, and I hope that you



and Mrs. Flexner, and Mrs. Bailey will remember us when anything suitable comes to your attention. We could then get all the details from you this summer. Your suggestion about our this year's home which you made last summer has certainly turned out magnificently, and we have had a very comfortable year.

We are now in the midst of packing, and I want this letter to reach you before April so I am writing it and sending it off before we are completely dispossessed here at Oxford.

Tricely yours,

Ben

EXPENSE OF SQUEEZES COLLECTED  
BY B. D. MERITT

This account is up to date to March 7, 1936.

Jan. 21. Paid to A. Gallenkamp of London for paper \$250.—  
Previous purchases from Gallenkamp - | 12 | 3/4  
Work in Ashmolean, to custodian | | 11 | —  
about \$10.80

Dec. and January

Expenses in Greece Drachmai 2557.50  
(Purchase of paper, brushes, sponges, and about 25.50  
pay to guards in the Epigraphical  
Museum)  
\$ 286.30

An order has also been placed for \$200 worth of paper from Spain, but this will be cared for out of funds given me by the Archaeological Institute of America. I have paid no wages in Athens since Jan. 15, but two men have been working constantly in the Museum making squeezes. This account I must settle when I return to Greece in late March.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. Meritt

BOOKS PURCHASED FOR THE INSTITUTE

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BY B.D. MERITT

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Austran - Introduction a l'étude critique du nom propre grec. Fasc. 1-8	3/4/5
American School of Classical Studies at Athens Papers, Vols. 1-IV	1/-/1-
Aristophanes, Scholia, ed. Dindorf.	1/1/1-
Beloch - Griechische Geschichte 4 vols in 8	10/1/3
Boethius - Pythais	-1/10/1-
Bursalt - Griechische Geschichte	2/2/1-
Blass - Attische Redsaubkeit <sup>2</sup> 3 vols. in 4	4/17/1-
Bursalt-Swoboda - Gr. Staatskunde	4/10/4
Brilliant - Les Secrétaires Athéniens	-1/4/2
Bechtel - Die historischen Personennamen des Gr.	1/14/7
British Museum - Greek Inscriptions	5/10/1-
Bechtel - Die griechischen Dialekte 3 vols.	3/10/5
Buck - Introduction to the Study of the Gr. Dialects	1/7/6
Bleekmann - Gr. Inschriften	0/3/2
Boulé - L'Acropole	-1/4/6
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Caquot - Inscip. gr. ad res. rom. pertinentes	10/10/-
Cambridge Ancient History Vols <u>VI</u> , <u>VII</u> , <u>VIII</u>	5/2/6
Collitz and Bechtel - Sammlung der gr. Dialekt-Inschriften	8/16/11
Comiconum Atticorum Fragmenta (Kock)	4/1/5
Cauer - Delectus inscip. Boeot.	-/3/6
Durrbach - Choix d'inscriptions de Délos	1/4/3
Durrbach - Inscriptions de Délos (I, II)	6/2/8
Duhnert - Attische Feste	3/7/10
Dauv - Textes inédits du Louvre	-/16/8
Durrbach & Raussel - Inscriptions de Délos (III)	2/13/4
Dittenberger - Sylloge Inscriptionum Graecarum <sup>2</sup>	1/5/-
Dittenberger - Orientis Graecae Inscriptiones selectae	2/19/3
Diodorus Siculus (Teubner) 5 vols.	3/13/7
Edwards - An English-Greek Lexicon <sup>2</sup>	-/7/-
Fick - Die griechischen Personennamen	1/2/3
Fränkel - Die Inschriften von Pergamon	8/19/11
Ferguson - Hellenistic Athens	0/15/-
Carlsch - Gr. Ehreninschriften	-/3/9

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Greffken - Griechische Epigramme	- 13/2
Gildersleeve + Miller - Syntax of Clas. Gr.	- 12/1-
Graindor - Album des Inscriptions	- 17/6
- Athenes de Tibere a Trajan	- 18/6
- Athenes sous Auguste	- 18/6
- Athenes sous Hadrien	- 13/6
Gilbert - Handbuch d. gr. Staatsaltertümer	- 14/6
Gomme - The Population of Athens	- 15/1-
Graindor - Marbres	- 14/6
- Archontes Ath.	- 13/6
- Athenes, Megare	- 12/9
Hellenica Oxyrhynchia (Oxford)	- 14/6
Herwerden - Lexicon Suppl. et Dialecticum	5/7/6
Hicks - Manual of Clas. Hist. Inscip.	- 13/6
Hicks + Hill - " " " " "	- 110/6
Hiller von Gränzingen - Inschriften von Priene	1/7/2
- Historische gr. Epigramme	- 14/3
Hartel - Studien über attisches Staatsrecht	- 110/6
Inscriptiones Graecae Vols. II, Parts IV and V	
Vols. IV and following	57/1/7
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Judeich - Topographie von Athen <sup>3</sup>	2/11/10
Jacoby - Das Marmor Parium	-11/2
Jalabut - Montude - Inscr. Syrie	11-1-
Jephaurion & Jalabut - Inscr. d'Asie Mineure	-13/6
Kieckhoff - Studien zur Geschichte des gr. Alphabets	-110/6
Kühner - Gauth - Ausführliche Grammatik	3/16/1
Kern - Inscriptions Graecae	-19/11
Kieckhoff - Prosopographia Attica	3/4/2
Klein - Die gr. Vasen mit hieroglyphenschriften	-112/4
Kuch - De Crateri ψηφισμάτων συναγωγῆ	-14/6
Köster - Das antike Seewesen	-114/10
Laqueur - Epigraphische Untersuchungen	-114/10
Larfeld - Handbuch der gr. Epigraphik	9/8/11
Kottling-Wolters - Κατάλογος τοῦ ἐν Ἀθῆναις ἑπ. μουσ.	1/10/1-
Liddell - Scott - Lexicon (1-8)	3/13/6
Lipsius - Das attische Recht	2/11/1
Larfeld - Sylloge inscrip. Boeot.	-13/6
Latyschev - Inscr. orae. sept. Ponti Euxini	5/5/1-
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Roehl - Imagines Inscrip. Ceraecarum <sup>3</sup>	- 19/11
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Several orders for books are still outstanding, 84 volumes of the above are being bound, and I have as yet no estimate on the cost of shipment to Princeton.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. Meritt

Trinity College,  
Oxford.

Feb. 27, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I want to report to you that I have just acquired for the Institute by gift from W. H. Buckler about 152 inscriptions (in squeezes) in addition to those I mentioned in my last letter. They are from various parts of Asia Minor, but include the complete text of the Res Gestae Divi Aequeti in ~~Group~~ Group from Apollonia.

I have just returned  
from a visit to Sheffield.  
Woodward, with whom I  
stayed there, is enthusiastic  
about the Princeton  
epigraphical centre.

I have to lecture in  
about 15 minutes, or would  
write more.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

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Whether I can see Herzfeld before I leave England I don't yet know. Certainly I shall look for him when next I go to London. Louie and I are to meet sometime this week. I am delighted that he is coming to Princeton, and he too seems very happy about it. He says that he has lots of questions to ask me about arrangements for life there. If I may, I should like to wait until summer to talk with you about Miss Goldman. Let me thank you too for the clipping from the Times about the new campus and plans for building. I am getting more and more impatient to be there.

Betty and I leave our house here on March 14 and shall probably live

for a week somewhere near Winchester.

Betty and the boys sail for Baltimore on the "City of Norfolk" on March 23, and I shall then go from the dock at Southampton after seeing them off just as promptly as I can to Athens. The quick and easy way, I have found, is by train, and I shall probably go down on the Orient Express. I am having the books bound here, and Blackwell will send them for me to the library of the Institute.

About the middle of March I shall send you a statement of the financial transactions so far, so that you may have it in time for the next meeting of the Board.

Betty and I are both delighted that you are feeling well in spite of the cold. We are here just on the verge of spring and the first crocuses are out in our garden. We both send our love to you and to Mrs. Flexner. Please give our warmest greetings too to Mrs. Bailey.

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I have had also some good fortune in another direction. There is in the British Museum a manuscript containing copies of about 400 inscriptions made in the 17th century by Sir George Wheeler. Many of the stones are now lost, and the museum manuscript preserves the only record of these texts. It has never been edited, and the discovery of it is almost as good as finding so many new stones. I have had a complete photostatic copy made of the ms. and shall bring it back to Princeton with me. The proper editing and publication will take time, and I have put it off as something to do next year.

I wrote you a brief note the other day giving the news, as soon as I had it, that I was to have an honorary Doctorate of Letters from the University. Everyone has been most kind all through the year, and the pleasure of being in Oxford and the privilege of knowing the people here was all the recognition that I expected or indeed felt that I deserved. So the degree comes as a genuine surprise. I am, of course, tremendously pleased; it is the one degree of all, I suppose, that I should most covet - and I can hardly believe yet that it is true, and I certainly shall never understand it.

Whether I can see Herzfeld before I leave England I don't yet know. Certainly I shall look for him when next I go to London. Lowe and I are to meet sometime this week. I am delighted that he is coming to Princeton, and he too seems very happy about it. He says that he has lots of questions to ask me about arrangements for life there. If I may, I should like to wait until summer to talk with you about Miss Goldman. Let me thank you too for the clipping from the Times about the new campus and plans for building. I am getting more and more impatient to be there.

Betty and I leave our house here on March 14 and shall probably live for a week somewhere near Winchester. Betty and the boys sail for Baltimore on the

"City of Norfolk" on March 23, and I shall then go from the dock at Southampton after seeing them off just as promptly as I can to Athens. The quick and easy way, I have found, is by train, and I shall probably go down on the Orient Express. I am having the books bound here, and Blackwell will send them for me to the Library of the Institute. About the middle of March I shall send you a statement of the financial transactions so far, so that you may have it in time for the next meeting of the Board.

Betty and I are both delighted that you are feeling well in spite of the cold. We are here just on the verge of spring and the first crocuses are out in our garden. We both send our love to you and to Mrs. Flexner. Please give our warmest greetings too to Mrs. Bailey.

Sincerely yours,

BEM



February 24, 1936

Dear Ben:

Your note of February 13 to Doctor Flexner has been received while he is on his way to Arizona where he will be for a fortnight. I know that he will be immensely gratified by the action of the Hebdomadal Council, and I am sending him a copy of your letter that he may share it with Mr. Bamberger and Mrs. Fuld, whom he will visit in Arizona.

My congratulations to the new Doctor of Letters of Oxford! How splendid that your work is being appreciated in such a worthy manner!

With kindest regards and best wishes to you and Elisabeth, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
Wootton Ridge  
Boar's Hill  
Oxford, England

ESTHER S. BAILEY

February 20, 1936

Dear Ben:

I was very much pleased with your letter of February 8 and its enclosure. I see no reason why you should not accept the invitation to write an article about the Institute. Indeed, it is in the Institute's interest as well as in the interest of scholarship in general that educational institutions should know what we are doing. The point which I find it most difficult to get people to understand over here is this: that the Institute is designed as a paradise for scholars; that there is a relatively small continuing staff in each of the three departments; and that the workers, or, as we shall hereafter call them, "the members", are mature persons who have already received the doctor's degree, have had experience in collegiate or university teaching, and have in practically every case published something which shows a capacity for doing original work. Moreover, there is no uniformity of procedure in the Institute as a whole or even in any one school. Every man works in the way in which he himself prefers to work. Routine and administration are reduced to an absolute minimum.

In addition to the bulletins I am sending you a copy of the report which I made to the Board at its last meeting, and you are free to use your judgment in utilizing its contents if it contains anything that illuminates the subject. Finally, it is worth mentioning that the Institute is on the full-

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time basis, that is, that salaries and retiring allowances have been made sufficiently liberal to remove from the mind of any professor fear for the future of himself and his family. Men are perfectly free to do what they please, but inasmuch as they accept no remuneration the amount of work that has been done outside of the Institute is negligible. Of course, Princeton is the locus of the Institute, but professors are free to go anywhere they want in search of the material which they need. For instance, the young economist, Riefler, has no workers with him at all as yet and spends much time in both Washington and New York, where his material lies.

Perhaps also the relationship with Princeton should be pointed out. The two institutions operate as one, all the facilities of one institution being open without expense to competent workers in the other. This, of course, will not surprise Englishmen, who know Oxford and Cambridge, but Americans wonder whether tension of one sort or another does not develop. There has not been the least indication of any such thing. While the business affairs and funds of the two institutions are entirely separate, their educational activities are so completely merged that I myself do not know in many cases who belongs to one and who to the other, and I am sure the same is true of President Dodds and Dean Eisenhart. There are already not wanting indications that the freedom and elasticity of the Institute are beginning to react on the too-highly organized American university scheme, though I should not make too much of this point or any other. I should, in your place, write modestly and under the realization that the whole thing is only a few years old and that time will provide the real test.

We have had the devil's own time of it this winter. We are now in the fifth week of cold weather, and on only two days has the temperature risen

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as high as 32 degrees. Mr. Bamberger and his sister are very anxious that I should come out to visit them at Phoenix, and I am planning to go for ten days or two weeks beginning next Monday.

We are all well and Anne and the girls join me in affectionate greetings to you and Elizabeth.

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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Boar's Hill  
Oxford, England

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Meritt

February 15, 1936

Dear Ben:

I have your interesting letter of January 24. I am glad that you are now so situated that you can eat two dinners, one at Wadham and one at Trinity. Under these circumstances you ought to assume something of the proportions of Doctor Cullen. We shall be very much disappointed if when we meet you at the lake you have not succeeded in so doing.

I am very happy that Blackwell has succeeded in getting most of the books that you desire. By all means have them bound before sending them over here.

It is gratifying to know that the Archaeological Institute has voted you the sum of \$250. Although the sum is not large, the judgment which prompted the gift is unmistakably clear.

I am glad that you and your family happened to be in England on the historic occasion attending the new King's elevation to the throne. Little Jimmy won't forget that as long as he lives.

Since writing you about Herzfeld I have a cable from him accepting the post and giving his address as 1 Weymouth Street, London, W. 1. I hope you will make his acquaintance before you leave England.

Little has taken place beyond the fact that everybody seems to be very busy. We did have an Institute dance on Valentine's Eve <sup>at</sup> which there were something like 140 persons present. It began at 9:30 and lasted until the small hours,

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though I sneaked away about midnight since I had to go down to Baltimore the next day. It was a very jolly occasion much enlivened by some life-sized caricatures of all the professors including myself looking precisely, as Eleanor said, like Mahatma Gandhi.

Some time ago Hetty Goldman lectured over at the Art and Archaeology Department on her work in Cilicia. I should like to get from you a confidential opinion of her scholarship and her previous work in excavation. She would, I think, like to have some kind of academic anchorage, but I should do nothing unless I felt sure that she is a sound scholar. I have talked to Morey on the subject, and he suggests that you would know.

The recent weeks have been of unexampled coldness with the exception of yesterday and Sunday last when the temperature went above freezing. We have had practically four weeks with the thermometer starting around zero in the early morning and never climbing beyond twenty, and layers of snow and ice make not only Princeton but New York both dangerous and dirty.

Anne joins me in love to you and Elizabeth and the children.

Ever sincerely,

**ABRAHAM FLEXNER**

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Oxford, England

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TRINITY COLLEGE,

OXFORD.

February 13, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

The secretary of the  
Heldomadal Council has just  
written me a letter saying that  
they have resolved to propose to  
convocation that the degree of  
Doctor of Letters, honoris causa,

be conferred upon me. (The  
actual conferment will take  
place on Feb. 29.

I am much pleased, of  
course, and I wanted to  
let you know.

Our best greetings, as well.

Sincerely yours,  
Ben



WOOLTON RIDGE  
HOAR'S HILL, OXFORD,  
ENGLAND  
JAN 1936

Feb. 8, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I enclose a letter which I know will interest you. For the time being I have sent an acknowledgment of it, telling the editor that I would write to Princeton for the bulletins of the Institute, and to let you know of his invitation and that I would call at his office when I had your reply.

If you would like to have me write such an account as the Oxford Magazine wants, I shall be glad to do with it the best I can - but I should have to beg of you to send me the bulletins so far issued (and any other information you think I ought to have) so that I may not in my enthusiasm stray too far from the facts. Under no circumstances should I undertake to write anything, of course, unless you approve.

It occurs to me that you might want to send an account from your own pen. I should consider it a great triumph (for the magazine) if I could tell the editor that he need expect nothing from me, but that the Director would send to him the article he desired!

My congratulations on  
Lowe. I haven't seen him yet,  
for I have been frightfully  
busy with my lecture for the  
Oxford Philological. I have just  
had an invitation from Adcock  
(at Cambridge), who wants to  
give me a dinner at King's  
College with the faculty of  
Ancient History in attendance.  
I shall certainly go if we  
can manage a time. Betty  
and I would very much to see  
something of Scotland, and our  
time now is getting short.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

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TRINITY COLLEGE,

OXFORD.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

On Sunday I reached Oxford again after a quiet and uneventful trip up from Athens by train. Betty was in Paris, but she had done what shopping she wanted to do before I came, so we came back at once to England. My new room at Trinity is quite comfortable, but it is a constant struggle to keep it warm enough. I find that I am now a member of both Wadham and Trinity

and so dine in now at  
one college and now at  
the other. Messrs. Blackwell  
& Co. have assembled most  
of the books for my epigraphical  
library, and it is a joy to  
have them here. Many need  
binding, and I think it will  
be an economy to have them  
bound here, so I shall do  
that before sending them on  
to Princeton when I leave.

You will be interested to  
know that the Archaeological  
Institute voted \$250 to me  
to use in collecting squeezes  
for the Institute. I had made  
no request of them, but they  
knew of the project and thought

it worthy of support. There will be no trouble in using this money either here in buying the necessary supplies or in Athens in getting the squeezes. I shall write to you more in detail later, and give an account of the arrangement I have made in Athens. The collection is now being prepared for me there, and I gave all necessary directions before I left.

We have had an exciting week following the ceremonies of the succession. Betty and Jimmy and I were all in the Sheldonian when Edward VIII was proclaimed at the University,

and immediately afterward we went over to St. Mary's to hear the proclamation for the city of Oxford. I wouldn't have missed it for worlds.

On Feb. 14 I lecture to the Oxford Philological Society on "Athena Promachos." It will be a melange of history, sculpture, chronology, and epigraphy, and I am busy now getting my illustrations ready. Regular term lectures begin next week.

We all send our best greetings to you and Mrs. Flexner, and to Mrs. Bailey. I shall write again soon.

Truly yours,  
Ben

February 3, 1936

Dear Ben:

I have been much interested in reading the outline which you sent me regarding the Provision for the Study of Greek Epigraphy at Oxford. I mentioned this to the Board at its recent meeting, and there was general gratification (1) that we were able to do something for Oxford and (2) that Oxford had so promptly recognized the value of your work and was anxious to get your cooperation which we will of course be glad to have you render.

At the same meeting<sup>of</sup> the Board Lowe and Herzfeld were elected to professorships in the School of Humanistic Studies. I have had a most cordial and enthusiastic acceptance from Lowe. I am still waiting to hear from Herzfeld. You might, when you are in London, wish to call on him. His address is 20 Queen Street, London, W. 1. There seems to be no doubt that he is the leading Islamic scholar now living. We have offered a post as field archaeologist to W. S. Campbell, who has had charge of the Antioch excavation, conditioned on the renewal of the concession. Morey thinks that there is no doubt that the concession will be renewed but feels, as I do, that it is best not to count on it in advance.

By this time you will have had your Christmas in Paris with Elizabeth, and I imagine you are once more busy at Oxford. I hope that the weather has not been too hard on Elizabeth and the children.

We have had an extraordinary siege of cold weather here for two weeks, the



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thermometer starting about zero and rarely rising above ten or fifteen degrees in the course of the day. The snow that has fallen in the meantime has frozen into ice. The entire country has been affected, even the Florida resorts. On the whole, we have kept well, though we have also kept indoors.

I may take a little holiday towards the end of this month in search of sunshine, but, if so, it will be a matter of only a fortnight.

Give our love to Elizabeth and the children.

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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Oxford, England

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January 17, 1936

Dear Ben:

I have been a bad correspondent, I know, and this is all the more inexcusable in that you have written me so fully and so interestingly. Your letters take me back to 1928 when I enjoyed something like the hospitality which you and Elizabeth are enjoying in Oxford. I am delighted that you have found so many warm <sup>that</sup> friends and/the prospects of your obtaining the material you desire both in England and in Athens are so excellent. Before very long I shall be hearing from you about your visit to Athens. The Shears are now on their way there.

I can tell you in confidence, but I wish no one else to know of it until after the Board meeting on January 27, that E. A. Lowe of Corpus Christi has accepted an invitation to the Institute beginning July 1, 1936. I regard this as a great coup. So far we have managed to keep our standard of appointments high, and I trust that it will become the settled policy of the Institute not to fill posts, as they become vacant, but to seek out men who deserve the sort of opportunities that the Institute affords. This is a policy that has been followed for years at the College de France and has given to that institution its international fame. There is no subject that it feels bound to teach. When a vacancy occurs, they drop the subject entirely unless a really first-rate person is available and devote the money to some other topic which may be miles and miles removed.

We had a very pleasant Christmas vacation. Anne saw all the plays in

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New York, and I had a lot of fun leading a quiet life and reading Fisher's History of Europe, a beautiful book, giving a panoramic view of European history with characteristic Oxford dignity, knowledge, and restraint. I shall write Fisher a note of congratulation this morning.

Remember us warmly to all our Oxford friends whom you meet, and give our love especially to Elizabeth and the children.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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American School of Classical  
Studies in Athens,

January 7, 1936.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

My first stay in Athens is now almost at an end, and almost every day has been spent in the Epigraphical Museum of the Agora. There are over three thousand texts - some small to be sure - but many interesting, and some quite exciting. I am making a presentation of these latter at an open meeting of the School next Monday and then start back for the next term at Oxford.

Betty is coming over to meet me in Paris, and we plan to have our Christmas vacation there. The time here has been too short for holidays.

The "squeeze" collection has been started.

I have two assistants working constantly on the stones in the National Museum - and I have purchased what available paper there was on hand in Athens. For the future I must send down a supply from London, which I can manage through the Agora organization, especially since the squeezes are to be used

to help in the study of Agona material. The  
Oxford people are planning a collection too,  
and word has just come from V. L. Myers  
that they are ready to go ahead with it. I  
have offered my services in an advisory  
capacity here in Athens.

The news I have had from the  
rest of my family in Oxford has been  
consistently good. Apparently they get along  
splendidly without me, and I am glad  
that they do. Just the same, I am  
looking forward to seeing them all again.  
My residence in college for this coming  
term has been arranged for Trinity  
rather than for Wadham, though I shall  
have the privileges of both common rooms.  
My lectures will be much less arduous,  
and I expect to have time to prepare my  
present notes for publication in Hesperia.

I hope my last offprints reached you safely.

Please give my best greetings to Mrs.  
Flexner — and to Mrs. Bailey.

Sincerely yours, Ben

*This may interest  
Dr. Flexner.*

SUB-FACULTY OF ANCIENT HISTORY

Wednesday, 27th November, 1935.

PROVISION FOR THE STUDY OF GREEK EPIGRAPHY

The Sub-Faculty of Ancient History is asked to recommend to the Board of Faculty that provision be made for the study of Greek Epigraphy as follows:-

(1) That the Visitors of the Ashmolean Museum be requested to include in the projected addition to the Museum, a well lighted room, of approximately 20' by 20' floor-space, for the storage and study of 'squeezes' of Greek inscriptions: to be fitted with suitable presses to contain 'squeezes' stored flat (not rolled) as in the collection of the Academy of Sciences in Berlin.

The bulk of such a collection is difficult to estimate: but (1) the standard sheets of paper for squeezes measure 22 x 18 inches: (2) the height of an average pile of 100 squeezes is easily ascertained by experiment.

(2) That application be made to the General Board of Faculties for a grant from the Faculties Fund of £100 to provide a set of squeezes of the inscriptions of Attica in the National Museum at Athens; the balance (if any) to be applied to provide squeezes of inscriptions in other Museums in Greece.

N.B. The present time is opportune for making this first instalment of the desired equipment, because Dr. Benjamin D. Meritt who has been giving instruction in Epigraphy this Term, is about to provide for the Institute of Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J. a similar set of squeezes from the National Museum at Athens, and has kindly undertaken to assist in supervising the provision of a duplicate set for Oxford. He estimates the cost of each set at £100, and regards the staff of the National Museum as competent to do the mechanical work, under the general supervision of himself and other persons instructed by him. This is an exceptional opportunity for supplying the need of a working equipment for advanced study of Epigraphy in Oxford.

With a substantial nucleus collection of this kind, accessions would be readily obtained. Large private collections have been allowed in the past to be destroyed, for lack of organized storage and facilities for study.

(3) That, if a grant for this purpose is obtained, it be administered by the Board's existing Committee for equipment, in consultation with the Reader in Greek Epigraphy.

(4) That the grant already made for the provision of a teaching collection of selected squeezes (which has not been spent) be confirmed or renewed; its purpose being distinct from the fresh grant proposed in paragraph (2) above.

(5) That, in the event of any considerable number of squeezes being accumulated before permanent provision can be made (as in paragraph (1) above) for their custody, the Visitors of the Ashmolean Museum be requested to take charge of them, and to make such provision as may be practicable for access and use.



SOUTHERN RAILWAY  
CROSS CHANNEL STEAMER

S.S. Dixie

December 6, 1935.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

The last week has been more than usually full, partly because I had a long manuscript from the Agora to read and send on to Shear at the last minute, and partly because of packing up and getting off toward Athens. Of course, I hate to go away from Betty and the boys - but I am confident that they will be comfortable, and it is a great satisfaction to leave them among friends. The sojourn in Athens will be full of interest for me, and I look forward to the enjoyment of it when I am there, with Dow, and Capps, and Wilhelm, and Kirchner. Incidentally, I am stopping off tomorrow in Paris to see Louis Robert, in my estimation

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one of the most able of the younger men in France. But on this journey at least, I shall not get into Germany or Italy. The boat from Marseilles does stop a day, I think, at Naples, but whether I go ashore or not may depend somewhat on how much (or how little) oil is being imported from home!

Betty and I had a delightful luncheon last Sunday with the Warden of All Souls and Mrs. Adams. She had just received a letter from Mrs. Flemer, and both she and the Warden said many very complimentary things about you both. You are much missed over here. Last Monday I dined at Balliol, but Bailey was not there, and we failed to find a time when we could get together before I left.

I must get this off before the boat sails. So send my warmest greetings now and promise to write more later.

Sincerely yours, Ben

Wootton Edge, Boar's Hill,  
Oxford, England. Dec. 2, 1935.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I wish to make the following report to you on my negotiations and expenditures for the working library in Greek Epigraphy made possible by the grant of \$2000 from the funds of the Institute.

As soon as your authorization came to go ahead with the actual purchase of books, I called into consultation Mr. H. T. Wade-Gery, who is Senior Fellow of Wadham College and Tutor in Ancient History, and asked his advice in making out a list of desirable items. I had already made out my own list with some help from Oliver, who is a member of the Agora staff at Athens working on the inscriptions. In so far as seemed advisable I incorporated Wade-Gery's list with my own. Next, I asked for suggestions from M. N. Tod, who is Senior Tutor at Oriel College and Lecturer in Greek Epigraphy at the University. He gave me a very carefully prepared list which I have now also incorporated with my own, thus making a record of desired items which represents the best judgment that the three of us could give to it.

On the business side, I have been in conversation with Mr. Hawks, Blackwell's right-hand man in the Classical Department. He agrees

to send my list about to booksellers in England, Scotland, France, and Germany asking for quotations on second-hand copies, and to check my list against their published catalogs, so that on each item we shall obtain a second-hand book if a good one is available — at the lowest possible price. This I have authorized him to do, and so that he may have no difficulty in getting the good items promptly I have paid as Blackwell's disposal a credit of \$400 (= £81/4/-).

In the meantime I have purchased outright for \$288.— the complete set of Pauly-Wissowa (all issued to date) and have it with me now in my rooms at Wadham. I have purchased also smaller books to the amount of £1/4/6.

Photius' Lexicon  
Hellenica Oxyrhynchia (Oxford)  
Xenophon's Minor Works

For your information I enclose with this letter a list of the desirable items which I have submitted to Blackwell's and which, in my opinion and in the opinion of Mr. Hawks, can be secured

within the limits of the funds available.\*

I have done nothing that requires expense in connection with work on the squeeze collection, for which a sum of \$500 was granted out of the funds of the Institute, except to purchase 100 sheets of squeeze paper for £0/12/3½. Negotiations here will commence really only after I reach Athens next week. I have, however, in spare time at Oxford taken squeezes of about half the inscriptions in the Ashmolean Museum. These squeezes are now in my rooms at Wadham College.

With most cordial greetings, I am as ever

Sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

\* The list is on separate sheets.

Proposed list of Books for Working  
Library in Greek Epigraphy at the  
Institute, to supplement books  
already owned by B. D. Merritt.

American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Papers, II, III.  
Autran, G. - Introduction a l'etude critique du nom  
propre grec.

Bechtel, F. - Die attischen Personennamen nach ihrem Systeme  
dargestellt.

- Die historischen Personennamen des griechischen  
bis zur Kaiserzeit

- Die griechischen Dialekte 3 vols.

Beloch, K. J. - Griechische Geschichte, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 4 vols. in 8.

Blas, F. - Attische Beredsamkeit, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 3 vols.

Bleekmann - Griechische Inschriften.

Boethius (Arel) - Pythais.

Breccia - Inscrizioni (Alexandria)

Brilliant, M. - Les secretaires athiniens

British Museum, The Collection of Ancient Greek Inscriptions

Buck, C. - Introduction to the Study of the Greek Dialects.

Busolt, G. - Griechische Geschichte.

Busolt-Swoboda, - Griechische Staatskunde, 1920-26.

Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum

Cagnat, etc. - Inscriptions Graecae ad Res Romanas Pertinentes.

Cambridge Ancient History - Vols. VI, VII, VIII.

Chabot, S. - Etudes.

Collitz-Bechtel - Sammlung der griechischen Dialekt-Inschriften

Comicorum Atticorum Fragmenta.

- Dain - Textes Médits du Louvre  
Dauvete, etc. - Recueil des inscriptions juridiques grecques.  
David, E. - Dialecti Laconicae Monumenta epigraphica.  
Delphi, Fouilles de Delphes, Vol. III.  
De Sanctis, G. - Ἀποῖς  
Deubner, L. - Attische Feste  
Diodorus Siculus - (Teubner Text)  
Dittenberger, W. - Sylloge Inscriptionum Graecarum 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.  
- Orientis Graeciae Inscriptiones Selectae.  
Durrbach, F. - Choix d'inscriptions de Délos.  
- Inscriptions de Délos.  
  
Edwards - An English-Greek Lexicon.  
  
Fraenkel, etc. - Die Inschriften von Pergamon.  
Ferguson, W. S. - Hellenistic Athens.  
Fick, A. - Die griechischen Personennamen.  
Francotte - Les finances des cités grecques.  
Frauz - Elementa  
  
Griffiths, J. - Griechische Epigramme  
Gurlach, G. - Griechische Ehreninschriften  
Gillies, G. - Handbuch der griechischen Staatsaltertümer.  
Gildersleeve, B. and Miller, C. W. E. - Syntax of Classical Greek.  
Graindor, P. - (Various books on Attic Epigraphy in Roman Times)  
Guarducci - Inscriptiones Criticae  
  
Hicks - Manual of Greek Historical Inscriptions  
Hicks-Hill, - Manual of Greek Historical Inscriptions.

Herwerden, H. von — *Lexicon Graecum Supplementarium.*

Hiller von Gaertringen — *Inscriptionen von Priene.*

— *Historische griechische Epigramme.*

*Inscriptiones Graecae*

Vol II Parts IV and V

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*Inscriptiones Graecae, editio minor*

Vol. IV

Vol. IX

Jacoby — *Das Marmor Parium*

Jalabert — *Mantirde — Inscriptiones de Syrie*

Judich — *Topographie von Athen, 3<sup>te</sup> Ed.*

Kaibel, G. — *Epigrammata Graeca ex lapidibus collecta*

Kern, O. — *Inscriptiones Graecae.*

Kirchhoff, A. — *Studien zur Geschichte der griechischen Alphabets.*

Kirchner, J. — *Prosopographia Attica.*

Klein, W. — *Die griechischen Vasen mit Kerkelinsinschriften.*

Krech — *De Crateri Ψηφισμάτων συναγωγῇ.*

Köster, A. — *Das antike Seewesen.*

Kretschmer (P.) — *Die griechischen Vaseninschriften.*

Kühner-Gerth — *Ausführliche Grammatik der griechischen Sprache.*

Laqueur, R. — *Epigraphische Untersuchungen zu den griechischen Volksbeschlüssen.*

Larfeld, G. — *Syllage Inscriptionum Boeoticarum*

Larfeld, W. — *Handbuch der attischen Inschriften*

— *Handbuch der griechischen Inschriften*

Latyschev - Inscriptions Orae Septentrionalis Ponti Euxini.  
Le-Bas - Foucaud - Voyage archéologique en Grèce.  
Lefebvre - Inscriptions critiques de l'Égypte.  
Liddell and Scott - Greek-English Lexicon (land ed.)  
Lipcius, V.H. - Das attische Recht und Rechtsverfahren.  
Lolling-Walters - Κατάλογος τοῦ ἐν Ἀθήναις ἐπιγραφικοῦ  
μουσείου Vol. I, Pl. I.

Magnesia, Inschriften von  
Maiuri - Nuova Sylloge  
Meutz - Geschichte der gr. Schrift.  
Michal - Recueil des inscriptions grecques (land ed.)  
Milet  
Milne - Catalogue (Cairo)  
Mittels und Wilcken - Grammatik und Chrestomathie  
Mouigliano - Filipo  
Monumenta Asiae Minoris Antiqua (?).

Nachmannorn - Historische attische Inschriften  
- Historische griechische Inschriften

Olympia - Ergebnisse der Ausgrabungen: Die Inschriften.

Paton and Hicks - Inscriptions of Cos

Persson - Exegeten und Delphi

Plutarch - Lives (Teubner)

Preisigke (F.) - Wörterbuch d. gr. Papyrusurkunden

Protz-Zichen - Leges sacrorum Sacrae



- Reinach - *Traité d'épigraphie grecque*  
Reisch, E. - *De numis Graecorum certaminibus*  
Roberts-Gardner - *Introduction to Greek Epigraphy*  
Roehl, H. - *Imagines Inscriptionum Graecarum*<sup>3</sup>.  
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Roux, - *Greek Votive Offerings*  
Russel, P. - *Délos, Colonie Athénienne.*  
  
Sandy - *History of Classical Scholarship*  
Sardemann - *Eluminische Übergabeurkunden aus dem V. Jahrh.*  
Schwyzer E. - *Dialectarum Graecarum exempla epigraphica.*  
Saltman, C. - *Greek Coins*  
Sölders, S. - *Die ausserstädtischen Götter.*  
Solmsen - *Fraekul - Auswahl*  
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Suidas' *lexicon.*  
Sundwall's *Nachträge zur Prosopographia Attica.*  
  
Tarn, W. W. - *Antigonos Gonatas*  
- *Hellenistic Civilization*  
  
Wilhelm, A. - *Urkunden dram. Aufführungen in Athen*  
- *Beiträge zur gr. Inschriftenkunde*  
- *Neue Beiträge*  
  
Wrede - *Attika (when published).*

OXFORD, England - November 27, 1935

The present time is opportune for making this first instalment of the desired equipment (projected addition to Ashmolean Museum) because Dr. Benjamin D. Meritt who has been giving instruction in Epigraphy this Term, is about to provide for the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N. J., a similar set of squeezes from the National Museum at Athens, and has kindly undertaken to assist in supervising the provision of a duplicate set for Oxford. . . . . This is an exceptional opportunity for supplying the need of a working equipment for advanced study of Epigraphy in Oxford.

Wootton Ridge, Boar's Hill,  
Oxford, November 20, 1935.

Meritt

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I hope you will excuse the fact that my letters to you are in longhand rather than on the typewriter, but I am following the good Oxford tradition of having no typewriter, and find that it works very well except for the undoubted inconvenience to my correspondents. For some days I have promised to myself that I would write to you about the last few weeks here - and at last today I have the chance to do so. I have never known a place where the pace is quite so fast during term, and now I realize why it is that when vacation time comes the Oxford man really wants a long vacation.

The presence in my lectures of a goodly number of Dons has served to keep my own pace rather fast too, for they are a critical lot and I want to have something good for them at every session. I think that I can report some success. The large lecture group has held at about 65, and the seminar has about 16 or 17 who are regular attendants. I have met once or twice with small groups of tutors only who have been interested in particular problems.

Academically, this has developed into a sort of routine which means that the intervals between Monday and Thursday and again between Thursday and Monday have been pretty well occupied with getting my notes in order. But I must say that I am enjoying it thoroughly, and where, except in Oxford, could one find such an audience?

Everyone is most hospitable, and there has been ample opportunity to see the other colleges: dinner with Dundas at Christ Church, with the Provost of Oriel at Oriel, in Rhodes House to meet the new scholars, with Hardin at Corpus, with Higgett in Hutford, and again this week with Barrington-Ward at Christ Church and with Meiggs at Keble and Andrews at Pembroke. And on every occasion there are several others whom I have long wanted to meet. I sat by Fraenkel in the Common Room at Corpus when I was Hardin's guest there and found him charming; and G. B. Grundy, whose name is already something of a legend, came over to join our group. Last week I had in my rooms Tod, Wade-Gery, Blakeway, Meiggs, and Andrews and we spent a large part of the evening

going over the desirability of establishing at Oxford just such a collection of squeezes as we are now initiating at Princeton. There was an immediate and unanimous consent as to the advantage of such a collection for the scholar, but need of considerable planning - apparently - to bring the matter properly to the attention of the University authorities and get something done about it. The proposal will come first to the sub-committee of the faculty of Ancient History, which meets for dinner in Wadham next Wednesday. Professor Ughes has asked me to be present, and to give a brief account of the notion as we are developing it at the Institute.

With Ughes the other day I had a long executive session about next term. We agreed that I shall offer a course of six lectures on the new epigraphical discoveries from the Athenian Agora. I can thus begin the lectures a week late and stop a week early, gaining a little more time for the Christmas trip to Athens and for the inevitable packing up that will come in March when we have to leave Oxford. Next term I shall have with me here all the new material

from Athens, and the lectures will fall in quite well with my own work on it. There has been less time than I should have liked really for Agora work this term, though I have sent off to the printer the final proofs of an epigraphical number of Hesperia, and written a short article for the A.J.P. which came out of my lectures.

We still try to keep Saturdays free for travel. Our last excursion sounds like something from a fairy-tale: Oxford, Chipping Norton, Stow-on-the-Wald, Marston-in-the-Marsh, Chipping Camden, Broadway, Evesham, Pershore, Worcester, and on to Ludlow - returning by a different route by the Malvern Hills and Tewkesbury. The days are now so short that we reached Great Malvern only at dusk and Tewkesbury after dark, so we are going out again this week to visit these places again and on to Gloucester. That is, we shall go if the roads about the lower Avon and Severn are not flooded. There has been almost uninterrupted rain for several days, and the London Times reports two feet of

water over the roads at some places near Pershore. But there is always a choice, and we may go down to Salisbury instead.

Yesterday Betty and I drove in to London. I had to get her a passport to come home on, so we turned a business trip into a pleasure outing as well, and drove over High Wycombe and had lunch in Conick Street, just off Soho Square. A week ago we went to Stratford and Warwick, and came home by Banbury Cross. In our little car every such trip is an intimate sort of affair, but we get a chance to stretch our legs and prepare to carry on whenever we come to a site of interest that needs attention. Jimmy particularly is profiting enormously by the English history he is learning in this way.

The matter of Jimmy's schooling has at last been settled satisfactorily. You remember that we have with us Miss Sarah Chase from Baltimore who has done work for several years in teaching by the Calvert method. Of course we had to get permission for her to give Jimmy his

lessons. yesterday the necessary authorization came through from the Home Office. Our warden here at Wadham helped me a great deal by writing a personal note to Sir John Simon, who happens to be an Honorary Fellow of Wadham, but for all that they made a great many enquiries and took a long time about it. I am much relieved to have the matter satisfactorily settled before I have to start out for Greece.

Mrs. Bailey's letter of November 8 brought the very welcome news that I can go ahead with the working library and the squeezes. I have succeeded in getting a good paper from a London firm and am now engaged in getting the documents preserved in the Ashmolean Museum here. Another two or three days and I think I shall have the complete set. About the books, I have taken Wade-Gery into conference with me and we have devised a good list of desiderata. On Friday morning I have an appointment with Blackwell's best man, Mr. Hanks, to go through his epigraphical stock



and within a week I think I shall know what can or cannot be done here. I have also looked through the items on sale in Thorntons' and Parker's, also "in the Broad," and before buying anything that seems high I shall get quotations also from Cambridge and Leipzig.

I wish you could see the mixture of amazement and envy with which the men here look upon the collection of this working library. It is just the sort of thing that they would all like to have available, and it seems almost too good to be true that even one scholar (this phrase - not mine!) has the opportunity to surround himself with the books he wants and needs. I shall write a full account of the acquisitions to you so far as made before I leave for Athens on December 6, and again on March 15.

For the past week or so I have had bad luck in trying to meet Lowe. He has asked me, and I have been engaged - and I have asked him and he has been away. But finally we have settled that I am to have

lunch with him at his home on Oriel Street  
tomorrow noon. I haven't as yet met  
Cyrl Bailey, though I have met a very able  
young Don from Balliol named Wynnes, and I  
hope to see Bailey soon. I think in my last  
letter - or perhaps in one to Mrs. Bailey - I said  
that Betty and I soon would be dining with  
the Wardens of All Souls and Mrs. Adams. The  
Woodwards are probably here now, but we have  
not seen them yet. I find the little pocket  
diary which every Oxford man seems to carry  
an indispensable companion in keeping a  
record of where to go and when.

Really, Oxford is most enjoyable. There  
is a great thrill about lecturing in Hall, with  
Nicholas and Dorothy Wadham looking down  
from their seventeenth-century portraits, and  
with men before me ready to test every  
idea advanced against a background of  
full knowledge and sound judgment. We  
enjoy too our trips about England, and the  
hospitality of the various colleges. When from  
time to time Betty is able to join me if

The invitation is not for dinner in Hall. I am looking forward tonight to the Boar's Head dinner at Merton. An old custom in Oxford's oldest college cannot fail, I think, to be a memorable affair. I wish you were to be there!

After some correspondence with Capps, it seemed best for me to come down as soon as possible to Athens for such time as I could spend during the holidays. So I have engaged passage, leaving Southampton on Dec. 6, and going to Marseilles via Paris, and on to Piraeus by boat. I shall stop long enough in Paris to call on Louis Robert, the French epigraphist, who has said word that he wants to see me. His special field is Asia Minor. In Athens there will be Kirchmeyer from the Berlin Academy, and Wilhelm from Vienna. I hope to stay at least until Shear arrives for the opening of the Agora campaign in mid-January.

Betty joins me in sending our love to you and to Mrs. Flumer.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

Wootton Ridge  
Boaris Hill, Oxford.

WADHAM COLLEGE, Nov. 20, 1935.  
OXFORD.

TEL. 4169.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

I want to acknowledge your letter of November 8, stating that the sum of \$500 has been voted for me to use in getting squeezes and that a further sum of \$2000 has been voted for the foundation of a working library. I have already begun negotiations for books, and will have - I think some success right here in Oxford.

I shall mail to you a report of progress on December 6, when I leave for Athens, and another report on March 15, when (as it happens) I shall again be leaving for Greece.

It seems almost superfluous to say that I am delighted with the opportunity thus presented

for making future work at Princeton more easy. Much as I am enjoying Oxford, I do look forward enormously to getting to Princeton and starting in.

Betty and I both send our best greetings to you. I am writing to Dr. Flexner this afternoon, when I shall have time to give him some account of the last two or three weeks here since my last letter.

Sincerely yours,  
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Meritt

WADHAM COLLEGE,  
OXFORD.

TEL. 4169.

Act.  
Nov. 26, 1935

November 14, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

A word about my address in the near future. I leave Oxford on Dec. 6 and arrive in Athens on Dec. 14, going via Marseilles. Then I shall be in Athens until about mid-January, returning to Oxford in time to give another series of lectures in Hilary Term. We give up our house here on March 14 and Betty and the boys have passage back from Havre on the "City of Newport News" sailing March 16. After that I shall again be in Athens.

Any mail that you forward

To me after receiving this letter should probably be sent to me at the American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece - and on and after Dec. 25 I should imagine it safer to send mail again to Wootton Ridge, Boar's Hill, Oxford.

Soon I must write a long letter to Dr. Flexner. We are having a busy and enjoyable time. My seminar convenes in about fifteen minutes from now - and tonight five epigraphical dons are coming to my rooms in Wadham to discuss further. We have been busy meeting people. A week from Sunday Betty and I are to have lunch with the Warden of All Soul and Mrs. Adams. I know they are good friends of the Flexners.

Sincerely yours, Ben

\$500 for expense in the Museum at Athens in  
spring of 1936, principally for making  
squeezes of the complete collection

\$2,000 for the foundation of a working library,  
to be purchased in 1935-1936



November 8, 1935

Dear Professor Meritt:

Thank you for your letters of October 18 and 21. I have not replied earlier because I wished to give you definite information as to the fund available for the purchase of books and materials by you. At the last Board meeting Dr. Flexner was authorized to put a certain sum at your disposal, and I have pleasure in informing you that I have today deposited to your credit in the Princeton Bank and Trust Company \$2,500 (deposit slip enclosed). This sum is to be used in your discretion for purchase of books and materials for the School of Humanistic Studies of the Institute. The only formalities are that you send Dr. Flexner a statement of expenditures from this fund on December 15, 1935, March 15, 1936, and upon your return to the United States, it being understood that any unexpended balance shall be returned to the Institute. If your reports are mailed promptly on December 15 and March 15, Dr. Flexner will be able to inform the Board regarding them at the January and April meetings, respectively. In this connection, I quote from your letter of September 8, 1935, as follows:

\$500 for expense in the Museum at Athens in  
spring of 1936, principally for making  
\$2,000 squats for the completion of the working library,  
to be purchased in 1935-1936

Professor Meritt

November 8, 1935

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Dr. Flexner, however, wishes me to assure you that if you find it more advisable to use the \$2,500 in a different ratio than your letter of September 8 specifies or if you can use the funds more advantageously for the School of Humanistic Studies, you may do so.

Your letters remind me of Dr. Flexner's marvellous letters during his days at Oxford. We are all delighted that you and Elizabeth are having such a delightful experience, and I know that you all are learning much about English history while you are enjoying the English countryside.

And now, if this letter is to catch the Europa (I am anxious that it should that you may know as soon as possible about your book, etc. fund), I must say my good wishes and greetings to you, one and all, at once.

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
Wootton Ridge  
Bear's Hill  
Oxford, England

Meritt

November 8, 1935

Dear Ben:

Your letter of October 18 was delightful and most satisfying. I also had a very charming note from the Warden of New College, telling me that he had met you and that you had spoken of me "with becoming admiration". Don't tell him that when it comes to splitting up kitchen wood you are as vastly my superior as you are in the domain of epigraphy. Fisher has a high opinion of me, based on brief contacts, and I would not like to have it disturbed.

Anne and I are both very happy that we are still remembered in Oxford. If it weren't for this confounded Institute and you and a few other folks, we should be spending a term at Oxford every year during the years left to us. How I should love to re-occupy my rooms in All Souls and to rejoin the group in which we have been so happy, but, alas, one cannot have everything in this world, and the Institute is going so well, it is making its way so admirably that on the balance I believe I have nothing to regret. I can tell you one or two things which I would not advertise. A professor of mathematics from Frankfurt came to see me the other day to pay his respects. He was here only for two days but had already grasped what is going on in Fine Hall. He said to me:

"I wonder if you realize that if the mathematical faculties of Paris, Berlin, Göttingen, and Cambridge at their best were rolled up together, they still would not equal the Princeton-Institute combination in eminence or range."

B.D.M.

Nov. 8, 1935

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A few days before I met Secretary Morgenthau at the Princeton Inn.

He said to me:

"Do you realize that when you took Riefler, you took away from Washington the best economic brain?"

I replied:

"I was led to believe that, and that is why I wanted him. You may keep the rest."

We cannot of course sit back and live on our past or even on our present, but we have the satisfaction of thinking that we are starting something new in this combination with Princeton and something that in its academic altitude is perhaps not equalled anywhere else in America, though I am hopeful that its influence may stimulate our best universities to give to their best men precisely the opportunities that we are trying to give.

Mrs. Bailey shows me your extremely frequent communications to her, and I hope that the financial arrangements which you suggest and which she makes will save you from any complication or trouble. Meanwhile, remember that Mrs. Bailey belongs to me and that I look with a jealous eye on anybody - epigraphist or anyone else - who learns how valuable she is.

We shall be happy to hear from Betty sometime as to how the women of Oxford are treating her. They had better treat her well or they shall be the victims of our extreme displeasure.

With love to you all,

Ever affectionately,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
Wootton Ridge  
Boar's Hill  
Oxford, England

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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Wootton Ridge, Boar's Hill,  
Oxford, Eng., October 28, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

Meritt

Your long letter of the eighteenth has just arrived, and I am glad to have news from Princeton. We are all well here, and so far at least my work at the University is progressing satisfactorily. The second Monday lecture came this morning and I was pleased to see that the seventy-five odd students and dons who came out for the first were still faithful. The seminary has gone up in numbers from 12 or 15 to about 25. This is too large a group for the kind of work I want to do with them, and I must somehow discourage some of them from coming. There has also grown up a sort of super-seminary which will hold its first meeting in my rooms this Thursday from two to four, solely for tutors in Ancient History from the various colleges - in so far as they want to come. Four or five of them got together last week and asked for this definite appointment for rather more particular

discussion of most questions. Really, this  
last is what I shall enjoy most of all, but  
it is all worth while. The presence of  
several tutors at all the meetings makes  
me rather anxious, however, to give a  
good performance - and I shall certainly  
try not to "let the Institute down."

Dr. Flexner was most generous to  
offer as he did to help me out with the  
letters of credit, and I appreciate very much  
his concern and yours that I should get  
along financially as well as possible. As  
a matter of fact, I do not anticipate any  
more trouble like that of early October.  
The manager of the Midland Bank Ltd. here  
has relented somewhat and has allowed  
me to draw against my uncleared check  
during this month. For November, I am  
expecting a deposit here direct from the  
Princeton bank equivalent to \$600 just as  
soon as the Princeton bank can send it  
over after receiving the late October salary

check. I shall be perfectly safe if this comes by November 15 - and I see no reason why there should be even so long a delay, especially if the deposit in Princeton goes in about Dec. 26-7-8 as did the one in September.

I have found the bank here very much reassured after being able to show them one or two of your letters about the regularity and amount of my deposits in Princeton, and they are going to allow me on December 1 to sell them a personal check and draw immediately against the credit balance thus established, even before the check is cleared.

So I believe that I shall make no new arrangements about obtaining funds, but keep to those I now have - unless something unexpected comes up. In that case I shall let you know, by letter or cable as the urgency, if there is any, seems to require. One great difficulty about the letter of credit is that there might well be trouble

in getting it out of Greece, once I got it in, especially if the face value of the letter were rather high. I spent about a week trying to get out with me a few hundred dollars of Traveler's Checks several years ago - and they differ in no essential respect so far as I can see from a letter of credit. I want to avoid that trouble in Greece if I can - and fortunately I can use there my own personal checks on Princeton without the slightest difficulty.

I am very sorry to have bothered you in any way with all this detail - and I really believe that now there is no occasion for further concern. In the meantime we are enjoying Oxford thoroughly, and with the aid of the Morris Eight, which we have christened Tom Thumb, we are enjoying the surrounding country too. On Saturday we all went down to Winchester to spend the day. I had a letter of introduction to the Headmaster, and he was most



courteous in showing us about the college. Jimmy enjoyed particularly the football game which was played in the afternoon between "Houses" and "Colleges", and the very restrained cheering which consisted of "Well played, Houses!" or "Well played, Colleges!" as the case might be. And the cathedral, with its tombs of Eghard, and Canute, and William Rufus was a fine lesson in English history. We are planning a trip to Wells this coming Saturday if the weather is good. So far we have had no cause to complain.

Your letters have come through in good time, and I have received from you too a good many pieces of mail forwarded on from elsewhere. My many thanks, as always, for sending these things on. Betty joins me in sending our warmest greetings to you and to Dr. and Mrs. Flexner.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

Wootton Bass, Bear's Hill,  
Oxford, Eng., October 21, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

I was glad to receive your letter of Oct. 8, with the enclosure of my deposit slip, the carbon of your letter to the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association, etc. In the future I see no reason why (as you suggest) these should not be held in Princeton for me.

Just on the chance that something may have gone wrong with the letters I mailed from London to you and to the bank about this month's salary, I give again here the arrangements I want put into effect. When my salary is deposited late in October, I want the Princeton Bank and Trust Company to use \$600 (Six Hundred dollars) of it to buy English pounds which they are to send to the Midland Bank, Ltd. at Oxford for deposit to my credit here. I wrote these instructions directly to the bank, and I will appreciate your making sure that the instructions were received, and that they have been properly carried out.

On the matter of books purchased for the Institute, I note your caution that they should

come addressed to the library of the Institute for Advanced Study, 20 Nassau St., Princeton, N.J. and I shall see that this address is regularly used.

I have made no purchases yet, for I must wait — as I understand it — until I hear from you that money is available and in what amount. I shall appreciate a memorandum from you also as to the procedure I should follow in paying for the books when I do purchase them.

It would give me a free hand if the available sum were put in Princeton in my personal account, with the understanding that I keep the receipts of purchases and expenses incurred, and return any balance when I get home. This may seem an arrangement somewhat too informal; I don't know.

But if you want this procedure or some different procedure you will let me know the details when the time comes, will you not? I am assuming that if and when funds are available I shall use my discretion as to what specific items I should get, and not submit lists of desiderata

for authorization from Princeton before each purchase. I have been looking through the shops here with a view to securing desirable items at second-hand - and much can be done this way at considerable saving. Such books are rarely on the shelves for very long, and I am living in hopes now that a complete set of Pauly-Wissowa will not disappear before I have a chance to get it.

If I give in a list of what I want and then have the books secured for me, the price is put up even on second-hand copies; so I much prefer to keep an eye out and pick up an occasional item from time to time. This is one reason why I think a slow assembling of material here, where I am in constant touch with the book-dealers, will prove cheaper than a special trip to Leipzig where I should not have so much time and where the urgency of my search would - I am sure - boost the prices asked.

My first formal lecture came this morning and went off well. The Committee on

Advanced Studies wants me to lecture this term and next, so the possibility is that I may go down to Athens from early December to early January. I have written to Capps to find out whether this is satisfactory from the point of view of the School - and I shall let you know as soon as a definite plan can be made.

We are enjoying the Wytles' house, and all of us so far are keeping well. And for the present at least we are being blessed with some rather extraordinarily good October weather.

Betty joins me in sending our warmest greetings to you.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

Meritt

Wootton Bassett,  
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October 18, 1935.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

It seems odd to be writing to you from Sir Francis' study, but we are gradually beginning to feel somewhat at home and there is no doubt at all that you did us a very real service in making it possible that we should have this house. It is ably run by the couple who live upstairs, Mr. and Mrs. Croodey; we call them "Croodey" and "Maud". Then there is the gardener, Dawson, and there are two day maids, Edith and Mary, who come at half time. It makes a rather terrifying establishment in some ways, but we are well cared for, and extremely comfortable.

I have just today succeeded in getting a car. It is a very small, almost minute, Morris Eight. But it seems to run rather well. Betty and I drove over to the Murrays with it this noon to meet a luncheon engagement, and this afternoon we drove out to Newbridge on

the Thames for tea. The place seems to be called Newbridge because the bridge is really very old, built in 1350, but it is a delightful spot, and the Inn where tea is served is called "The Rose Revived." So far I have run into nothing with the car, but the temptation to pull over to the wrong side is almost irresistible.

My work at the University began formally yesterday, when I held an informal discussion on one of the historical Greek inscriptions at Wadhams. It was a queer class, made up of undergraduates, who knew very little of the subject matter, and of dons, who knew a great deal. I think it went off well. On Monday I have my first public lecture, and I have no idea as yet about who will come or how many. In the meantime I have been busy meeting people.

Buckler, the Anatolian archaeologist, had me over to All Souls last Sunday for dinner in hall. I wish I could begin to remember the names of all the people there who wished to be remembered

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to you. Woodward was not yet back, but was expected soon. I could not have imagined, even in a most imaginative frame of mind, a table so impressive as the one that assembled there on Sunday night. It was, indeed, a thrilling experience. One fellow, Jones by name, who has a book on Abyssinia just coming from the press, seems to have done some work on Mediterranean cities generally, and he surprised me by knowing all about the Athenian Tribute Quota lists.

Wednesday was guest night at Wadham, and the classics people from Corpus and Trinity were there. I have dinner this coming Sunday with S. L. Myers at New College, at Wadham on Monday with Cox and Parker, and on Wednesday at Corpus with Blakeway. They are a rare crowd, and I am having to work much harder on my lectures than I had planned to keep up with them!



In London, before coming up to Oxford, I paid my respects to Sir George Hill, the director of the British Museum, and called also on Bell in the manuscript department and on Forsdyke, who is keeper of Greek and Roman Antiquities. His assistant Pryce, I have not yet met, but I have corresponded with him, and two stones that I want very much to study have been cleaned and put aside for my next visit to the city. There will be no trouble about getting a collection of the British Museum squeezes, except that Forsdyke thinks it will cost something for the paper and one attendant's time. I shall wait until I hear that the grant I asked for has been voted by the board, and then (if it is voted) go ahead with this. The same can be done quite easily here at the Ashmolean, where I had a very good visit with the director, Dr. Parker, a few days ago. Also, while I am in England, I think it would be a good notion to complete the circle of the Big Three by getting the squeezes from the Fitzwilliam Museum at

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Cambridge. The curate, Miss Lamb, is an old friend from Athens and will be most helpful.

Wade-Cory, the Senior Fellow at Wadham, has done everything to make my stay there a pleasant one. They have put at my disposal a suite of rooms, with living room, bedroom, and study, and have made me a member pro tempore of the Senior Common Room. It has happened so far, I suspect with some connivance on the part of the Fellows, that I have had two "buzzes" on the Part, and all in all life has been very well worth living. Last Saturday the Wade-Corys took me out to Basil Blackwell's home at Appleton. He is a most amiable man, and he became more so when he learned that I might want to get a book or two for the working library at Princeton.

I have been wondering what to do about this. Specifically, I am inclined to think that a special trip to Germany would not be economical. The new German discounts do not

apply to second-hand books, and these turn up only from time to time anyway. Just at the present time there is a complete set of the Pauly-Wissowa Real-encyclopädie der klassischen Altertumswissenschaft - second hand - at Blackwell's. He wants £58/10/- for it, which is a good buy, but not a great bargain. My inclination would be, however, to buy it at this price if it is still unsold when I hear from you that money for buying books is available.

I must also report on one or two other arrangements at the University. My responsibility is directly to the Committee on Advanced Studies, and they have voted me the sum of £30 as a nominal honorarium for this term and a further £30 for next term if I also lecture then. I have not as yet been able to plan how this will work out in view of my obligations in Athens, but there is a chance, I think, that I may go to Athens for the first short visit during the Christmas recess. I shall have to hear from

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Capps, and in any case I shall let you know  
at once just as soon as the program is definite.

Mrs. Bailey has been very good to forward  
my mail, and to let me have the first assurance  
that my financial arrangements are proceeding  
according to schedule. I hope that she is keeping  
an account of my mail charges, for I shall  
want to reimburse her. I must say that the  
Midland Bank here was much reassured when  
I took them in Mrs. Bailey's last letter. They  
were very skeptical about me at first, in spite  
of the letter from the Princeton bank. However, I  
think I shall still let the arrangements that I  
made with the Princeton Bank for October 31<sup>st</sup>  
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Mrs. Bailey in a letter that I posted from London.

We are all in the best of health, and  
enjoying ourselves enormously. Betty joins me  
in sending our love to you and to Mrs. Flowers.

Very sincerely yours,

Ben

(over)

I have met several people who know  
Panofsky, and they all speak most highly  
of him.

Ben

According to schedule. I hope that at a meeting  
an account of my mail changes, for I shall  
want to remember her. I must say that the  
Billings Bank has been much reassured when  
I took them in Mrs. Botkin's last letter. They  
were very skeptical about me at first, in spite  
of the letter from the Princeton bank. However, I  
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enjoying ourselves enormously. Betty joins me  
in sending our love to you and to Mrs. Botkin.  
Very sincerely yours,

Ben

(over)

October 18, 1935

Dear Ben:

I was delighted to hear from you but so sorry to learn that you have been having difficulty in getting your funds promptly. Now I have talked with the Treasurer of the Princeton Bank and Trust Company, who tells me that you may have difficulty every time in cashing Princeton checks in England, because in their banking system they wait for actual collection. The Treasurer suggests that it would be simpler for you to get the funds you need through a letter of credit. As Brown, Shipley and Company, 123 Pall Mall, London, are the agents who look after letters of credit of the Princeton Bank and Trust Company, you need only write to the bank authorizing them to draw a letter of credit for you, specifying the amount, the drafts to be charged to your account here. Then the Princeton Bank and Trust Company would instruct Brown, Shipley, and Company to issue the letter of credit to you. After that you would only need to make sure that your balance in the Princeton Bank covered the amount of your draft when made. Brown Brothers or Brown, Shipley have agents in Greece also, so that you would have no difficulty there. Inasmuch as the Institute is in back of you, I do not think the Princeton bank will ask for any collateral for your letter of credit, but if they do, we can easily take care of that for you here in the office. Dr. Flexner thinks it important that you should have funds at your disposal when you need them and not be held up for several weeks until checks travel back and forth between England and America. This letter of credit can be arranged, if you wish, so that it will be operative by the time your present deposits with the Midland Bank are exhausted. Let me know what you wish, and the Institute and the Princeton Bank will do everything possible to aid you. Dr. Flexner says that you are to cable, if necessary.

I sent a whole batch of mail about October 7. I thought it inadvisable to forward anything until you had an address. I do hope that you received the several pieces without delay.

Each month I shall deposit to your credit \$712.50, writing checks as you have instructed for the Teachers Annuity and Veterans' Bureau respectively. The first deposit was made towards the end of September, and the rest will follow automatically at the end of each month.

I shared your letter with Dr. Flexner. We are all delighted that you had a safe and pleasant voyage and that you have met the Wylies and like their-your home. We hope that you won't work too hard on those eight formal lectures and eight informal classes. As I remember Wadham College, it has

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unusually extensive grounds, beautiful lawn and glorious trees. I do hope that you will be as happy there as Dr. Flexner was during his term at Oxford. Can I say more?

I hope that Betty and Kirk and the baby are fine, are enjoying Wootton Ridge, the countryside, as well as Oxford itself.

The Institute is flourishing. There are 38 members for 1935-1936 in the School of Mathematics as well as the professors and their assistants. Professors Riefler and Mitrany are installed in their offices at 20 Nassau Street, and so the School of Economics and Politics is starting. Professor Panofsky is eager to meet his colleague. In the meantime he is at work in McCormick Hall and told me yesterday that he has five advanced students and two professors in a course that he is giving at the University. I suppose Dr. Flexner should tell you this, but he is at home with a cold and saving his voice so that I shall do so. Was Richard F. S. Starr one of the young men you mentioned to Dr. Flexner in September? Well, he is the first "worker" or "member for 1935-1936" in the School of Humanistic Studies. He was so highly recommended by several persons that he was given a modest grant by the Institute to enable him to work here in Princeton in your School of Humanistic Studies.

I am enclosing a list of the Institute for 1935-1936. You will be particularly interested in page 2.

The autumn has been particularly lovely. I should say "is lovely", for today is quite perfect - mild, clear, sunny, and the foliage is brilliant.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you all,

Very sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
Wootton Ridge  
Bear's Hill  
Oxford, England

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Wadham College, Oxford

October 6, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

I want to report a safe and very pleasant journey across the ocean, and at least partial success in getting comfortably established at Oxford. The only trouble so far is not serious, but it has delayed my access to money from Princeton. The Midland Bank, Ltd. had received in due course a letter of introduction written to them for me by the Princeton Bank and Trust Co., but they were not willing to advance me funds on a personal check — as the bank in Princeton had requested — until it



has been cleared. This has meant a delay of about three weeks in the utilization of my Princeton account, but fortunately it will not (I believe) cause us any real inconvenience.

What I have done is this. I opened an account in pounds at the Midland Bank, Ltd. in Oxford by giving them a check on Princeton for \$500. This money will be available to me when the check is cleared - presumably about Oct. 26. I have also written an authorization to the Princeton Bank and Trust Co. to use \$600 for purchasing English pounds which they are to transfer to the Midland Bank, Ltd. at Oxford, Eng. for deposit to my account. They are to make this purchase and charge it to my

account. after the check from the Institute has gone in to my account in the Princeton Bank and Trust Co. on October 31. I think this will straighten matters out satisfactorily here, but I would much appreciate your speaking to the treasurer at the bank when the deposit has been made so that there may be no undue delay. I have received no word from you, but I have assumed that \$673.08 was deposited for me on Sept. 30, and that \$673.08 will be deposited for me on Oct. 31.

I have put this business item first because I wanted to get it off my mind. Betty and I had lunch yesterday with the Wylies, and thought them charming people. The house is beyond all our expectations, and we are delighted with it. Also, I have

at last discovered that I shall have eight formal lectures, and eight informal classes, to be held in Wadham College. Rooms at Wadham have been placed at my disposal - study, living room, and bedroom - and I have been asked to join in the Senior Common Room. Last night I dined "in college" with two delightful colleagues, and tomorrow I shall move in, to prepare the lectures and discussions which begin the following week. We are to take possession at Wootton Ridge on Oct. 14.

Betty wants me to send her warm greetings to you, and we both send our best regards - as ever - to Dr. and Mrs. Flymer. If all of Wadham is as satisfying as the first day, it will be a perfect sojourn. I am dining at New College and at Corpus next week.

Sincerely yours, Ben

Magnetawan via Burk's Falls,  
Ontario, Canada, September 8, 1935.

Meritt

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I wish to summarize in a letter what I have said in a more general way in conversation with you about my plan of work for the Institute during the next few years.

The first obligation, and privilege, is in my estimation the editing of the newly discovered inscriptions from the Athenian Agora. I am the member of the excavation staff in charge of epigraphy, and now have the help of three assistants, Mr. Arthur Dow, Dr. James Oliver, and Miss Margaret Crosby, in preparing the new material for publication. The preliminary publications will take another six or seven years, and after that a final publication must be planned and carried through the press. I look forward to supervising this work, and next year while in Athens I shall prepare for publication one of the preliminary reports. Four preliminary reports have

already appeared (since 1932), and a fifth report, which I have prepared, is now in press.

The second problem on which I expect to work at Princeton is the final publication of the text and commentary on the Athenian Tribute Quota lists. Professor Allen B. West of Cincinnati and I have been studying problems of the Athenian tribute since 1925, and have published 35 or 40 articles and two books about them in the last ten years. It is now time to give our definitive texts and a historical commentary. The exposition will occupy, in all probability, two volumes, for which the Cresswell Foundation and the American School of Classical Studies have assured us of funds for publication. There will be, however, some preliminary expense for experimentation in methods of printing epigraphical texts in facsimile, and for study with the stones

themselves while I am in Athens in the  
spring of 1936. This investigation in Athens  
I can probably carry out on my own  
account with no special grant of funds,  
but I should like to ask for an  
appropriation of \$250 for experimental  
work in printing facsimile texts to be  
available for the academic year 1936-1937.  
A grant of \$300 which I had last year at  
the Johns Hopkins proved most helpful, and,  
I am confident, produced good results.

Beside these two specific problems  
here outlined, I have in mind a program  
of longer duration and of even more  
epigraphic importance which will run  
through many years. I hope to establish  
in Princeton a repository of exact facsimile  
copies of Greek inscriptions in the form  
of "squeezes" or paper impressions which

will be record only to that at Berlin.

Such a collection will be invaluable for reference; and, indeed, my own best work will probably come from the careful study of the accurate texts thus assembled. I

have drawn on another sheet and outlined to you under date of Sept. 7, 1935, a plan of the room in which I should like to work with these squeezes at Princeton.

There is some expense involved in furnishing the laboratory, and further expense involved in securing the squeezes. However, I believe that during the coming year I can secure in Athens the complete file of those documents now in the National Museum at a very reasonable figure.

There are between 13,000 and 14,000 inventoried items in the Epigraphical Museum at Athens. With these I propose to commence

our collection, and it can be done (I believe) for approximately \$500, if I may supervise the work while I am in Athens next spring and secure competent scholars to make the squeezes for me. The Director of the Epigraphical Museum, Mr. Kourouniotis, is a personal friend, and will give me every facility for carrying out the necessary work in the museum.

The working library in the epigraphical laboratory at Princeton should be built up for reference work in 1936-1937. It can be most cheaply done, I think, if I may be allowed to purchase the essential books while I am abroad this year (1935-1936). My estimate is that about \$2000 will be required as the initial outlay. As reference libraries go, this sum is (I think) not large - and fortunately the



epigraphical volumes that would need to be added from year to year, though costly, are not numerous. If I might count on spending \$200 a year on epigraphical books, I think it would keep the library fairly well up-to-date.

I have tried here to estimate the cost of my program of study to the Institute, and to be as conservative as possible in asking for funds. Apart from office equipment, which I described in my letter to you of Sept. 7, the expenditures which seem to me desirable, and which are mentioned in this letter are as follows:

- (1) \$250 for 1936-1937 for experimental work in printing facsimile texts of Athenian inscriptions.
- (2) \$500 for expense in the Museum at Athens in Spring of 1936, principally for making squeezes of the complete collection.
- (3) \$2000 for the foundation of a working library, to be purchased in 1935-1936 while Mr. Meritt is at Oxford.
- (4) \$200 a year for books (including bindings, library expense, and photostats), beginning in 1936-1937.

Please let me assure you once  
again of my great appreciation for this  
opportunity for constructive work in  
Greek Epigraphy and Greek History at  
the Institute, and of my warm enthusiastic  
anticipation of the commencement of our  
program.

With warmest personal regards, I  
am

Very sincerely yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

June 24, 1935

Dear Ben:

I have just come back to Princeton after a perfectly rotten attempt to find some sunshine in Italy. It was cold and rainy the entire time, and we feel as if we had been swindled.

I wonder if you would be good enough to let me know what sort of weather you are having in Magnetawan. I don't want to go there until the weather is fairly settled, and there is sunshine and warmth, for I had an upset on the boat, and I don't want to run into another. I hope, for your sake, there are no flies or mosquitoes and that warmth and sunshine abound. When you write or telegraph, please include a report on the flies and mosquitoes.

Mrs. Bailey showed me your letter of June 13 about the box. The box is here safely stored with some of our own things. There were no charges, and there will be no expense connected with it here. Mrs. Bailey will also leave proper instructions about your mail.

Give our love to Elizabeth and the children.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
Magnetawan  
via Burks Falls  
Ontario, Canada

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Magnetawan via Burk's Falls,  
Ontario, Canada, Sept. 7, 1935.

Meritt

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I am sending to you several sheets of drawings on which I have attempted to give an idea of the kind of room in which I should like to work at Princeton. If the Institute erects a building my tentative plan is of course susceptible of change or improvement to make it fit into the larger scheme of the building as a whole. The elements of it, however, do not - it seems to me - need to be changed. The essential features are the shelves for books, the filing cases for squeezes, the cork wall board, the architect's drafting table, the flat-top working table, and my own desk with filing cases and typewriters.

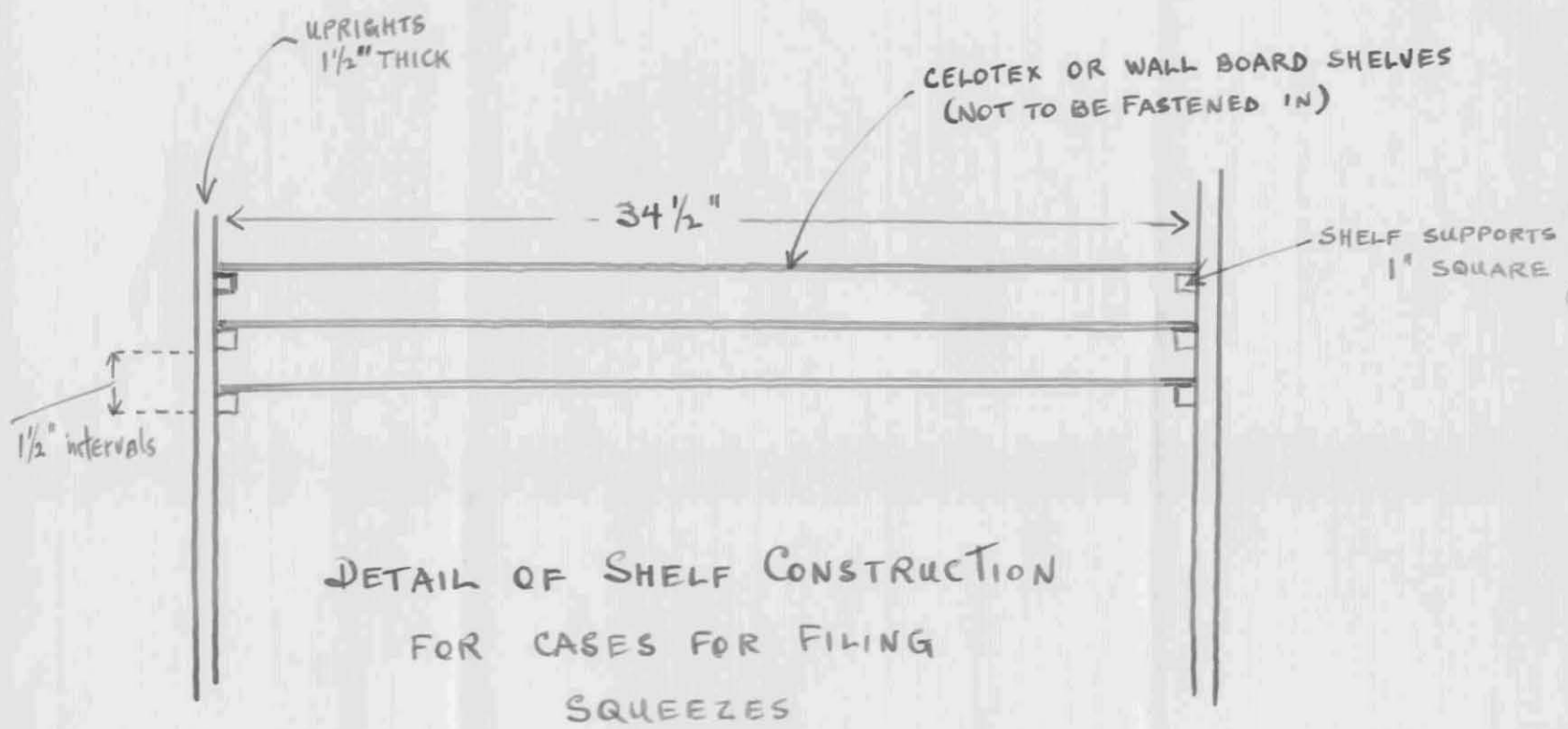
The drafting table requires a baseboard socket for electrical connection. It would seem to me desirable to have two overhead lights at opposite ends of the room for night work, and a desk lamp for night work, but no other special wiring. The University of Michigan purchased for me a drafting table at something less than \$100, and the Johns Hopkins University had made for me a special Greek epigraphical typewriter at a cost of something over \$100. This typewriter is now at the

Johns Hopkins, and so far as I know of no particular value to anyone but me. I think we could secure it from them at a fair price.

I have given details of the construction of the cases for filing squeezes. The amount of filing space I have specified is sufficient for some years, and can be expanded by the addition of other cases in the room without serious crowding to three times the indicated capacity. It seems to me that this will be ample to cover our needs even after the collection has grown to the final proportions we hope to achieve.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt



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B. Meritt

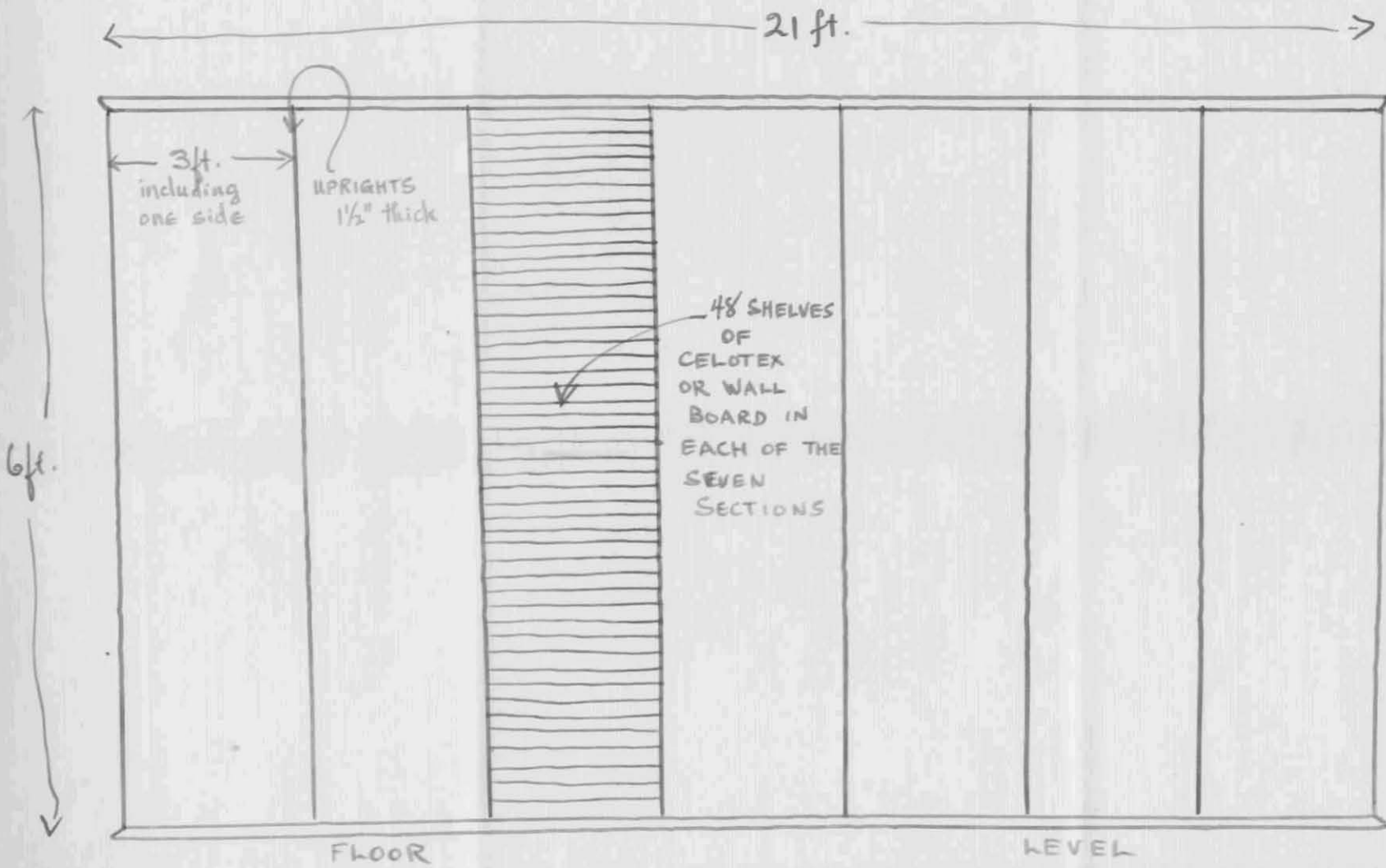
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The Cork wall board should be 8 ft. wide and 6 ft. high. The bottom of this wall board should be 18 inches above floor level.

The architect's drafting table should have ground glass inlaid top with reflector and electric light bulbs beneath. (See catalogues).

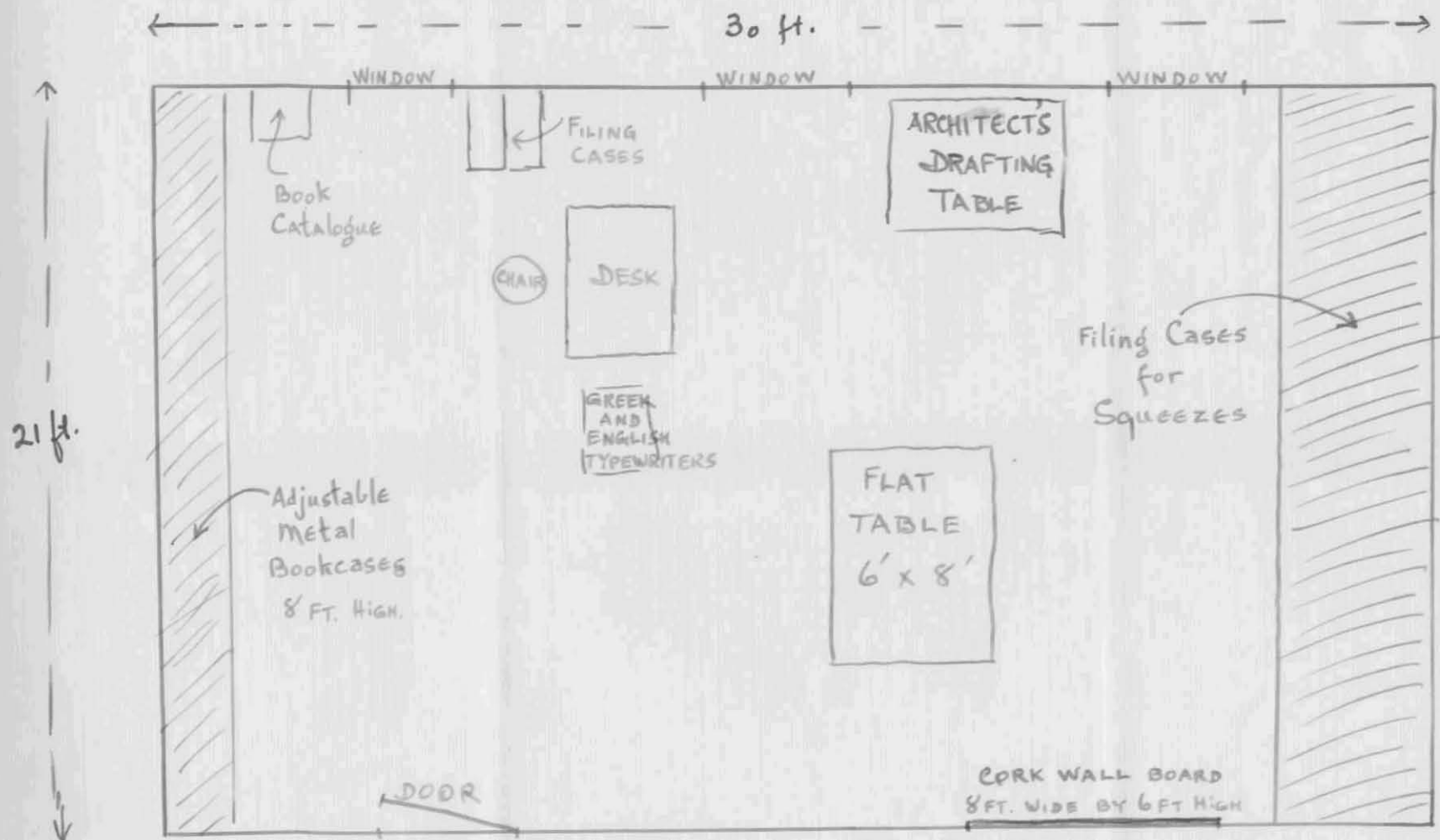
The filing cases for squeezes are to be 3 ft. wide each (including one partition). See attached sheet for details.

END OF ROOM WITH FILING CASES FOR SQUEEZES



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Baltimore, Maryland,  
June 13, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

You may remember that last spring I spoke to you about a box containing some of my epigraphical work that might be stored in the basement of 20 Nassau St. I am having the Hopkins Press send this by express prepaid to the Institute for Advanced Study, and it should arrive toward the end of this week or early next week. I don't want anyone there to have any expense connected with it, so if there are any charges that I have not foreseen I shall be glad to pay them.

We are in the midst of packing now and look forward to starting north on Monday.

With best greetings as ever, I am  
Very sincerely yours,

Ben

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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May 3, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

I remember signing a paper while in Princeton about salary reduction for payments to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association. But I believe it was an authorization for deductions for insurance premiums, which you personally are to pay for me and which now need no such signed paper.

I have received another form, however, from the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association which you may wish to have signed to send on to the disbursing

officer in New York. I  
have, accordingly, put my  
signature in the appropriate  
places and am forwarding  
the paper to you to use if  
you wish.

With best greetings, as ever,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Ben

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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

The Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Maryland

April 30, 1935

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
The Institute of Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of April 25 in which you extended to me the invitation to become a professor in the Institute of Advanced Study. I am happy to accept your invitation under the terms outlined in your letter and look forward eagerly to participating thus in the establishment of the School of Humanistic Studies.

Very sincerely yours,

*Benjamin D. Meritt*  
Benjamin D. Meritt

BDM  
MLG

Meritt

The Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Maryland

April 26, 1935

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
20 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

I am ever so much indebted to you for offering to make my routine payments to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association for me while I am away. I have figured out the schedule and outlined it to you here.

I hold two insurance policies with them on which the monthly payments are \$13.02 and \$26.40 respectively. It is my understanding also that I shall contribute toward my annuity policy with them (A 4469) a monthly sum of \$37.50 which will be matched by an equal monthly sum paid toward the same policy by the Institute.

I cannot remember whether you told me that my contribution of \$37.50 was deducted from the monthly salary check by the Disbursing Officer in New York before it was sent down to Princeton or not. In case the deduction is not regularly made by him and sent to the Insurance and Annuity Association, I wish you to draw the necessary amount from my bank account to pay it as well as the insurance. In any case I understand that you are to draw each month a check for \$39.42 against my account with the Princeton Bank and Trust Company to pay the insurance premiums.

This program should go into effect immediately after

Mrs. E. S. Bailey

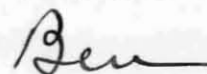
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the deposit made to my credit in the Princeton Bank and Trust Company late in September and is to cover the premiums due in October and in subsequent months. Will you also be good enough during the time of my absence to mail for me checks to the U. S. Veterans Bureau, Insurance Division, Washington, D.C.? The checks should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and across the end of each check should be written my Government Insurance Policy number K-86821. These checks should be mailed on November 20, February 20, May 20, and August 20, beginning with the check of November 20, 1935. I am writing to the U. S. Veteran Bureau to have them change my address to care of Mrs. Esther S. Bailey, 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey. A notice of premium due will reach me in the mails four or five days before the time I have indicated for mailing the checks. Please open these notices as they come and use the enclosed envelope as the most convenient way of returning the check.

I can only repeat that I am eternally indebted to you for going to all this trouble on my account. If it seems too much of a bother, please do not hesitate to let me know. With warmest greetings as ever to you, I am

Sincerely yours,



B. D. Meritt

BDM

MLG



April 25, 1935

Dear Professor Meritt:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study held April 22, 1935, I was authorized to take the first steps in the organization of a School of Humanistic Studies. I have pleasure in inviting you to become a professor at an initial salary of \$9,000 a year to begin whenever your salary in your present post ceases. It is understood that you will contribute 5% of your salary to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, the Institute contributing an equal sum monthly, that these combined contributions will continue until your retirement and then become a basis of your retirement allowance, and that, unless your term of appointment is prolonged by mutual consent, you will retire at sixty-five years of age.

I am sending you a complete set of the Bulletins of the Institute. You will observe that we are endeavoring to cultivate the closest relations with the advanced work of Princeton University so that such facilities as the Institute may acquire and such facilities as Princeton University may possess will be open to the advanced workers of either institution without additional expense to them. Finally, the members of the faculty of the Institute are expected to regard their tenure as a full-time occupation. Though they are free to take any steps which the interests of their respective subjects

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require, they are so remunerated and protected that they are expected to refrain from the acceptance of payment for ordinary services. This of course does not apply to honoraria or royalties which may accrue to them in consequence of scientific activity of the high grade to which it is assumed they will devote themselves.

I understand that during the next academic year you will be abroad in pursuit of your studies, first at Oxford, and later in Athens. I had a talk with Professor Capps this morning, in the course of which he stated that, in his judgment, the major part of your time, beginning with the excavating season, should be spent at Athens, but this I leave entirely to your discretion.

It may be that in writing this letter I have omitted some point of importance, but I believe that, if you will carefully peruse the bulletins, your understanding of the situation will be complete.

I am deeply appreciative of your expressed willingness to join in the establishment of a School of Humanistic Studies on the same high level as the School of Mathematics, which has thus far operated in conjunction with the Mathematical Faculty of Princeton University most successfully and harmoniously.

Very sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
314 Northfield Place  
Roland Park, Baltimore, Maryland

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THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHILOLOGY  
THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

April 11, 1935.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

In your last letter was an inquiry about when my present year with the Hopkins ends.

I believe that I have a continuous appointment which can be terminated at any time by my resignation. However, my connection with the Hopkins began on September 1, 1933, and if reckoned in even years a resignation at the end of this "year" would then take effect on August 31 this coming summer. If I resign I imagine that is the way it would turn out, for I do not believe that the

Hopkins would expect a resignation to take place at the end of its present fiscal year, i.e., June 30.

The matter is one that I hesitate to talk over specifically with Mr. Ames until I know that I am to resign. But until I actually discuss the resignation with him, I can't feel sure which of these dates it will be.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

April 8, 1935

Dear Ben:

Returning to town I find your letter of March 31st, which I will answer paragraph by paragraph.

The mathematicians have an outlet for their publications in the Annals of Mathematics, which is supported jointly by Princeton University and the Institute for Advanced Study. This, I suppose, is the equivalent of your publishing papers in the American Journal of Philology and Hesperia. The question of a subvention for a book has not yet arisen, and, in my judgment, is not worth taking up until the book is born. I should suppose - though I cannot, of course, commit the Board - that no difficulty would be encountered in underwriting a publication of this sort, either by yourself or in collaboration with the University of Cincinnati or some other institution.

Of course, it would be essential for you to retain your connection with the Agora work, and I don't suppose there is any doubt - though, again, I cannot commit the Institute - that the Institute would become a supporting institution.

Should you receive an appointment from the Institute, your salary would begin when your Hopkins salary stopped. When is this? It would be paid in regular and equal monthly instalments. Inasmuch as the salary scale has

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been higher than that in vogue in other institutions, the Institute has not paid the moving expenses of any of the professors. The amount is small and the precedent is one I prefer not to make.

The Institute is a member of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and pays monthly 5% of the professor's salary, he paying a similar amount.

I hope that this letter is satisfactory as far as it goes. One cannot possibly anticipate all contingencies, and we have made as few general rules as possible in order to be able to meet specific situations which productive scholars encounter.

All of us join in love to you and Elizabeth and the children.

Ever sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
The Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Maryland

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B. D. Meritt

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THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

March 31, 1935.

Dr. Abraham Flexner,  
Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Flexner,

In the interval that has elapsed since my last trip to Princeton I have thought of several questions that I want to lay before you.

I shall of course have to give up the American Journal of Philology if I move away from the Hopkins, but I feel confident that small articles which I write from time to time can be accepted in it, or perhaps in Classical Philology at Chicago. The actual publication of new material from the Acra will be cared for in Hesperia, but the longer studies that grow out of my epigraphical work ought somehow to be provided for -- and I wonder what our plans will be for this type of publication. In about two or three years I expect to have ready (with Allen West of Cincinnati) a two-volume work on the Athenian Tribute Lists, and, unless the muse deserts me, there will be other books to follow that I shall want to have printed. Will there be provision for this type of publication in the scheme of organization of the Humanistic Division in the Institute?

Another question that has occurred to me involves my relations with Athens. During the next ten years, at any rate, very substantial increases in our epigraphical knowledge are likely to be associated with the Acra excavations. I have been given the general editorship of all these documents and have now three assistants,

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members of the Agora staff, working with me. I cannot afford to let drop a close association with the School at Athens, for Athens is the source of the most interesting material. Now, I have my connection with Athens primarily because of membership in the Managing Committee of the School as a representative of one of the supporting institutions. I have been representative from Brown, and Princeton, and Michigan, and am now representative from the Hopkins. I fear that I should have to resign from membership if I give up this connection with a supporting institution. It may be that the Managing Committee would not accept the resignation, but it would seem to me only fair to make the gesture. This would not be necessary if the Institute were a supporting institution, but such membership costs \$250 a year. Would the Institute go that far to maintain my connection with Athens if it should become necessary? If there were no other way I have thought that I might make my own contribution as a supporting institution and then represent myself! In any event, I must consider (with your help and advice) how my connection with the School is to be maintained.

In planning for next year's budget I want to ask, for information only, how and when payments of salary from the Institute are arranged, and in what proportional amounts. May I also ask whether the Institute bears the expense of our moving to Princeton, as Hopkins did when I moved here and as Chicago has offered to do, or whether this falls on me? I am interested also in one other business item. Does the Institute make a contribution toward deferred annuities? I have been carrying such a policy, on which the University and I have made equal payments.

These are all items of interest, of course, but very minor items compared with the prospect of becoming a member of the Institute. It would



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be superfluous to tell you that I hope the action of your Board is such that this ambition can be realized.

Betty joins me in warmest regards to you and to Mrs. Flexner.

Please give my best greetings also to Mrs. Bailey.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ben*

Benjamin D. Meritt

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(Name and address of institution)

SIR:

The undersigned has applied to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America for an insurance policy and has requested the privilege of monthly payment of premiums. The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests you and your successor, or successors, in office, to deduct from the annual salary or other emolument payable to the undersigned the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and to pay the amount thus deducted to the Association, in \_\_\_\_\_ equal instalments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each beginning with the salary of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 .

Very truly yours,

.....  
(Signature of applicant)

Dated.....

TEACHERS INSURANCE AND ANNUITY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
522 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Gentlemen:

The foregoing request and authorization has been duly received by us, and in accordance therewith, we agree to make the requested deduction and to pay over to you in \_\_\_\_\_ equal instalments the amount thereof, while this agreement continues in force.

Dated.....  
(Name of institution)

By.....  
(Signature and title of disbursing officer)

Is this not the type of paper I signed before?

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Form 3-2M-Rev.-10-23  
Life Insurance Form.

Pol. No. 6947	Meritt, B.D.	\$13.02 monthly
Pol. No. 7763	Meritt, B.D.	26.40 monthly
	Total	<u>\$39.42</u> monthly

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHILOLOGY  
THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

February 23, 1935.

Dear Mr. Flexner,

Your letter has just come, explaining that you may not be able to communicate with me until after Tuesday. This is entirely satisfactory to me. I had a telephone conversation with President Hutchins two days ago, and he understands that I cannot give him a decision until next week.

In the meantime, Betty and I have come to think more favorably of Baltimore as compared with Chicago. The Hopkins has offered to me \$9000 a year, to begin this summer with

a year's leave of absence, and with all the other advantages that were included in the Chicago offer of freedom in work and abundant leaves of absence when it seems necessary for the study of materials abroad.

I am waiting now to hear from Chancellor Kirkland, who is of course very much interested, and also to hear from you before coming to any decision.

Very sincerely yours,

Ben

February 21, 1935

Dear Ben:

I have had two conferences with President Dodds since you were here the other day, and I have arranged, as I promised, to have a conference with one of our own people on Monday next in New York. I am not sure whether I shall be able to return to Princeton Monday evening or Tuesday evening, for I have some other matters that I must wipe off the slate while I am in New York. I shall have also to see President Dodds again after returning to Princeton Monday or Tuesday. It may be, therefore, that an additional day will elapse before I can give you the definite information upon which you are waiting, but it seems to me that the difference of a day or two cannot possibly be of the slightest importance to President Hutchins. Matters of such moment cannot be hustled, and I think he ought to give you all the time you need in order that you may arrive at a decision <sup>with</sup> which you and Elizabeth will be entirely satisfied. In any event, I shall lose no time in communicating with you.

Give our love to Elizabeth, and believe me

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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