SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

November 28, 1939

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

I want to acknowledge your letter of November 27th asking whether I see any objection to the addition of two or three words in the first sentence of the joint resolution to be sent to Dr. Flexner.

The wording as you proposed it in your letter seems entirely satisfactory and I am quite willing to subscribe to it. I think you are quite right in wishing to emphasize the fact that this is a joint resolution.

Very sincerely yours,

D. D. Murill

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Frank Aydelotte Swarthmore College Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

# THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

March 24, 1939

Dear Dr. Herner,

There are the copies

of the litters that I

showed to you yesterday

morning.

Airenly yours,

Ben

Historical Studies - Social Science Library

ITEMS REMOVED: MERRITT, BENJAMIN - PROF. H.S. 1937 - 1939.

1) Announcement of the "Premier Congres International d'Epigraphe Grecque et Latine."

COPY

The University Club Madison, Wisconsin March 10th, 1939

Dear Professor Meritt:-

Finis coronat opus! My copy of Volume One of the Tribute Lists arrived yesterday. I am simply speechless with admiration. You will have so many tributes (no pun intended!) from persons so much more competent to appreciate the volume than myself that I think the best thing for me to do is just to leave it at that. I recall answering from Macedonia an enquiry of yours in the course of which I mentioned the usefulness of Skylax. I must at that time have been very tired; in any case I was an ass. You can imagine what the Tribute Lists mean to me as a student of Macedonian history. They are absolutely indispensable.

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With vast admiration, and best wishes

SIGNED: Charles Edson

COPY

Berlin-Friedenau March 5, 1939

Lieber Herr Meritt,

Das ist ja eine prächtige Überraschung,
die Sie mir durch die Übersendung des schönen Bandes
mit Ihrer glanzvollen Behandlung der attischen Tributlisten bereitet haben. Wie viel entsagungsvoller
Fleiss, wie viel Überlegung und Scharfsinn in diesem
grossangelegten Werk vorhanden ist, kann nur der
ermessen, der sich mit ähnlichen Arbeiten befasst hat.
Meinen zlichen Dank für diese hocherfreuliche Gabe
bitte ich auch auf Ihre geschätzten Mitarbeiter
ausgedehnt zu wissen. Einen besonderen Vorzug Ihres
alle einschlägigen Fragen erschöpfend behandelnden
Werkes erblicke ich in dem ausführlichen geographischen
Index. Dieser wird vielen Altertumsforschern im hohen
Grade willkommen sein.

Mit besten Grüssen auch an Ihre Frau Gemahlin in alter Freudschaft,

Ihr,

SIGNED: J. Kirchner

Amsterdam-Z.

Hondius Euergetis suis,

Notissimum illud: mega biblion, mega kakon. Quid quod attulit cursor publicus megiston biblion? Ergone megiston kakon? Immo, liber est optimus, verus thesaurus, ktema exoptatissimum, industriae ac scientiae nobillissimum paradeigma. Quod donum pergratus benignissime acceptum refero. Mihi quoque cordi fuerunt tabulae illae, ex ille praesertim nocte qua tecum apud Victoriam de tabulis in SEG edendis disserui. Quantum deinde lucratae sunt ex tuo tuorumque labore! Imperii Attici splendoris fontes nunc unicuique patent. Meritis laudibus gratias addo quam maximas pro regio munere mihi oblato.

Cum tuis valeas.

Gratissimus tuus

J. Hondius Scribebam Amstelodami die decimo mensis Martii a.d. MCMXXXVIIII

Hondius to his Benefactors, greetings.

It is an old saying that a big book is a great misfortune. What am I then to make of the fact that the postman has brought me a gigantic book? Is that a gigantic misfortune? Not at all, the book is admirable, a real treasure, a most desirable possession, an outstanding example of perseverance and learning. I want you to know that I have been very happy to receive the gift. I remembered very well those plates which I discussed with you that long night in the Victoria Hotel with a view to printing them in the Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum. How much they have been improved since then by the efforts of you and your collaborators. The evidence for the glory of the Attic Empire is now available to everyone. I add my very warm thanks to well deserved congratulations on the splendid gift which you have sent me.

With best greetings to you and yours,

Most gratefully,

Signed: J. Hondius

Amsterdam, March 10, 1939

COPY

Oriel College Oxford February 25,1939

My dear Meritt,

Your generosity has made this indeed a redletter day for me. This morning brought me the
invaluable gift of your new work on the Quota Lists
which has thrilled me with excitement, interest and
gratitude. Please accept my most heartfelt thanks
and with them my warmest congratulations on an achievement which marks a new era in epigraphical and historical studies.

With cordial remembrances from my wife and myself to Mrs. Meritt and you I am

Ever yours sincerely

SIGNED: Marcus N. Tod

COPY

Inisfada, Manhasset Long Island, N. Y. March 9, 1939

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt, The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Professor,

Father Marique has informed me that you have given a rating in regard to the recent examinations in Epigraphy. All of us feel deeply indebted to you for your kindness, and I wish to express my personal appreciation. It was an unusual honor to be examined by a great authority and the impression of profound learning and that modesty which is the wisdom of the wise will be long remembered. I could look forward to no greater pleasure than the renewal of the professor-student association at some time in the future.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED: Aidan C. McMullen, S.J.

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

February 9, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I am sending with this letter the memorandum on Hesperia for which you asked. I believe that it tells the story of what we are doing and of what we plan to do. Without the facilities of the Institute I do not believe that we could have made the change. I have not put into the formal statement one reason for our action now, that was very much in the minds of all of us. We have been unwilling to continue payments that amount to \$6,000 and more every year to bolster the economy of a country which does so many things of which we disapprove:

I may add that we have transfered not only the printing of <u>Hesperia</u> but of our book publications also from Vienna to Baltimore. I believe that it is a good thing to give this work to our own people who are trained and qualified to do the difficult type of technical printing which we require.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner 20 Nassau Street Princeton, N. J.

February 9, 1939

MEMORANDUM TO DR. FLEXNER:

re: Hesperia

In 1932 the American School of Classical Studies at Athens published the first annual volume of its new journal <u>Hesperia</u>. One of the principal reasons for establishing this journal was the need to present promptly suitable preliminary publications of the results of the excavations in the Athenian Agora, though the journal was also planned to care for other publication needs of the School. From 1933 until the present time about half the space in the journal has been devoted to the Agora excavations, and two supplementary volumes have been published which deal more extensively with special phases of the Agora work.

Athens has been ex-officio editor of the School fascicles and the Director of the Agora Excavations has been editor of the Agora fascicles. There has been until now no single editorial board and for the Agora, at least, no permanent editorial office, for Professor Shear has divided his time almost evenly between Princeton and Athens.

The firm of Adolf Holzhausens Nachfolger in Vienna has done the actual printing of volumes 1-7. Their prices were lower than any estimates that were obtained in the

United States and their workmanship has been of the highest quality.

The business management of <u>Hesperia</u> has rested ultimately with the Managing Committee of the School, although duplicate subscription lists have been maintained in Athens and in Princeton and receipts from sales and subscriptions have been payable either in Athens of in the United States.

During the autumn of 1938 the members of the Managing Committee of the American School who were most interested in the problems of publication connected with <u>Hesperia</u> decided that it would be best to transfer the place of printing from Vienna to the United States and to centralize the business administration and the managing editorship at Princeton, New Jersey.

The desirability of this unified management had been apparent for some time but the actual change, and particularly the change in arrangements for printing, was occasioned by the difficulties and expense and uncertainty of dealing with a firm in Vienna, now become part of Germany. We were no longer able to settle our accounts in Austrian shillings but had to buy marks at the established price. In spite of assurances from Holzhausens that the cost of publication would not be increased, we found that actually the expense of each fascicle was appreciably greater. After some investigation in this country we discovered that the

printing house of The J. H. Furst Company in Baltimore could now do the same work at no greater expense, with a better face of type and a better quality paper. There was, therefore, no reason from motives of economy for continuing our contract for printing in Vienna and Hesperia is now being printed in Baltimore. Only in the matter of color reproduction do we anticipate greater expense from this change to the United States, but the amount of color work in the journal is not large and we have hope that the constant improvements in color processes in this country will soon reduce the cost of expert work.

This change in place of printing has already given us a feeling of security about our reserve stock and materials. We are now making arrangements to transfer our reserve of past volumes from Vienna to the United States. In the early years there was no appropriate place where this material could be housed, but there will be ample space in the new fire proof building of the Institute for Advanced Study, and the close cooperation between some members of the Institute and the work of the School in Athens makes these new quarters not only a safe but a desirable depository. The Institute has very generously offered these facilities to the American School.

The Managing Committee of the American School plans this year to add to its staff a Managing Editor, one of whose duties will be to see the succeeding volumes of <a href="Hesperia">Hesperia</a> through the press. All manuscript approved by the Director

Excavations, is now being sent to the Institute for
Advanced Study in Princeton. Pending the appointment of
the Managing Editor, the dealings with the press and the
preparation of the manuscript are being carried on by
Professor Meritt, but this is a temporary arrangement
necessitated now in the emergency of the transfer. Professor Meritt's duties in the future will be purely advisory
once the Managing Editor has been appointed. For the sake
of close cooperation between him and Professor Meritt and
also with Professors Shears and Capps, who live in Princeton, it is our plan to establish the editorial offices in
the Institute for Advanced Study. This arrangement is made
possible by the offer on the part of the Institute to provide
such space and necessary technical assistance.

We are now in a position to publish our journal well and not to be at the mercy of uncertain conditions abroad. Our first fascicle for 1939 is now ready to appear, printed in Baltimore; but we are delayed because the last number printed in Vienna, which should have been ready in December, has not as yet appeared. The reasons for this long delay we do not know and we have no control over them. Such difficulties as this we shall be able to avoid in the future.

September 27, 1939

Denny Bent

of the proceedings of yesterday. I appreciate
Panofaky's generosity and am writing him that we
shall make the arrangement agreed upon. We shall
send Professor Broneer a formal letter of admission
to the Institute as a member.

I am awfully sorry that a very hunky throat keeps me in bed a good part of the day and in my room the rest of the day.

Give my love to Elizabeth and Mrs. Mirkland.

Ever sincerely,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt ABRAHAM FLEXNAR
The Institute for Advanced Study
AF: ESB

Professor Meritt has written to the Toronto Hospital regarding in hur's insurance. After he has heard from them, he may wish you to write to the Hospital Service Plan of New Jersey regarding Arthur's card, expenses, etc. If so, please write to the Trenton Saving Fund Society, 123 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey, Attention of Mr. Harold Braddock.

E.S.B.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL STUDIES

PRINCETON, N. J.



July 26, 1939

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

I have an insurance palicy 20. HCS 102233 with the Hospital Service Plan of New Juney (744 Broad St., Newark), giving hospital insurance for Arthur, Jim, Betty, and me.

On June 22 Arthur was ound down by Dr. A. J. L. Wright to the Hospital for Sick Children in Taronto, and he remained there under the care of Dr. Alan Brown until June 27. I turned in the card certificate for Arthur when he entered the Lospital, and called the attention of the hospital to the procedure outlined on the card for their communication with the home office in Newark.

It is now a month since Arthur's discharge from the hospital, and I have had no word within from the hospital or from Newark, non have I received back Arthur's earl from the company.

Sincenty yours,

June 3, 1939

Dear Professor Meritt:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 2 enclosing a check for \$11.78, a refund in connection with your last book, Athenian Tribute Lists. I am forwarding the check to the Treasurer of the Institute today.

Sincerely yours,

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

ESB

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

June 2, 1939

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

\$11.79 which represents a refund on a cancelled Fire Insurance policy which was taken out to protect my last book, during the process of manufacture. Inasmuch as the Institute made a contribution toward covering the extra expense of the volume, it seems proper that this small return should be paid over to it.

Sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey 20 Nassau Street Princeton, N. J.

enc.

April 27, 1939

Dear Ben:

I wonder whether you know Dr. Lenz.

Please read this letter and the curriculum-vitae

and talk to me about him within the next few days.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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

AF: ESB

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## THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 3, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I am sending you a copy of the first number of <u>Hesperia</u> to be printed in this country. I think the press in Baltimore has done a good job and I want to send you this number as a reprint to prove that there is some scholarly work still going on over at 69 Alexander Street.

Sincerely yours,

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

February 13, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I have received an invitation from the Department of Classics at Oberlin College to give the Martin Lectures for them this autumn. I believe that it involves a visit of about one week to Oberlin and since it seems a good thing to do I have written to Professor Lord there saying that I shall prepare the lectures for them on the general field of Greek inscriptions.

The lectureship is not old. After an experimental year in 1931 the lectures have been given by Tenney Frank of the Johns Hopkins, Charles Seltman of Cambridge, Rhys Carpenter of Bryn Mawr, Sir Richard Livingston of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, Martin Charlesworth of Cambridge, Cecil M. Bowra of Wadham College, Oxford, and F. E. Adcock of King's College, Cambridge.

Adcock is delivering the lectures this spring and I have asked him to visit me here if he can spare a day or two. I hope very much that you may meet him.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner 20 Nassau Street Princeton, N. J. February 13, 1939

Dear Ben:

I have yours of the 13th and I congratulate you on the invitation to lecture at Oberlin. The lectureship may not, as you say, be "old", but it is certainly distinguished. I am very happy to have one of our own humanists added to the group.

Should Adcock come to Princeton I should be very happy indeed to see him.

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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

February3, 1939

Dear Ben:

Many thanks for your superb volume on the Athenian Tribute Lists. It is obviously a work, the writing of which required not only profound and accurate scholarship but infinite patience, and I congratulate you and your collaborators - Alien Brown West, alas, who did not live to see the volume through the press, Wade-Gery, McGregor, and all your associates. It is a credit to you, the Institute and to every other person and organization that participated in this production.

Mrs. Bailey is forwarding Mr. Furst's bill to the Treasurer with the recommendation that it be paid promptly.

Very sincerely yours,

Abraham Flexner

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

AF: ESB

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 31, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I am enclosing the bill which I received on January 24 from the J. H. Furst Company for their work on my book. The volume has now been published and I hope within a few days to show a copy of it to you. I believe that we should pay the balance due to the Furst Company, in the amount of \$4,703.23, without waiting for the final charges for packing which will probably not be large.

You will note that the item for Authors' Corrections seems relatively high. I want to assure you that this is not the fault of the authors. The nature of the work was such that many pages, and particularly our tables, had to be set in type in preliminary form to facilitate the preparation of the rest of the book and then be altered and changed as this work progressed.

We had collected \$8,000 from the American School, from the Guggenheim Foundation and from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, to be used for the publication of this volume. There have been some charges, of an incidental character, against this fund, and we have made an allotment of \$500 to Mr. Clement for services in reading proof and verifying references. I remember my suggestion of last summer that this \$500 to Mr. Clement might be covered by the travel allowance of \$500 which had been voted to me for the expenses of a trip to Amsterdam which I did not make. If this expense has been met in this way, then we have run over our estimates only about \$200. I hope, in any case, that you will think it has been worthwhile when you see the volume.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner 20 Nassau Street Princeton, N. J. January 2, 1939

Dear Ben:

Many thanks for your letter of January 1 - a very happy one with which to begin the New Year.

I am delighted that you and Capps and Mr. Rockefeller have been thus signally recognized by the Greek Archaeological Society.

With all good wishes for the New Year for you and Elizabeth and the children,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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

AF/MCE

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 1, 1939.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

You will be interested to know that two members of your faculty, Capps and I, have been made Honorary Members of the Greek Archaeological Society. Shear also received the same recognition, and we all move in distinguished company, for the other American to whom this award was given is Mr. John D. Rockefeller.

I consider this much better than an even trade for membership in the German Archaeological Institute, which I resigned last November. The ceremony in Athens must have been colorful. The president of the Society, in the presence of the King and of the other members, proclaimed the names to the people of Athens from the steps of the Parthenon.

Sincerely,

Ben

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

October 14, 1938

My dear Dr. Flexner,

Thank you for your note of October 11. We shall do the best we can in holding down the cost of our volume, but it is comforting to know that Mr. Keppel may still help us when the need arises.

I am returning the letter which Bowra wrote you about Friedlander. I do not know of any opening for him now, although I have had several letters from colleagues as far away as California urging me to do something for him if I can. I am tremendously distressed by recent news that Professor Felix Jacoby in Berlin is no longer able to work, and heaven knows what will happen to him, and that Professor Mario Segré is now one of the first victims of the Italian purge. As much as I should like to help Professor Friedlander, I should wish to give preference either to Jacoby or to Segre, and even so I have no suggestion that I can make to them.

I have just come back from Baltimore and Uncle Tom tells me that Betty may come home Monday. I hope nothing comes up to interfere with her leaving on that day.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Abraham Flexner 20 Nassau Street Princeton, New Jersey BDM:C

October 11, 1958

Dear Ben:

I saw deepel yesterday and told him that there was a possibility that you might need an additional sum of money in the neighborhood of \$1,000. While he made no absolute promise, he told me not to worry but to see him in case any such eventuality developed. Keep the cost down, but let me know if it rises above the sum at your disposal.

I am enclosing a letter from Bowra. I have showed it to President Dodds who discussed it with his Classics Department, the members of which, however, do not see an opening for Friedlander here. I someer if you know of one comewhere else.

Mrs. Builey, to show I amflictating this, is doing well and is at 54 Mercer Street. She read me a gay and happy letter which she had from Elizabeth this morning. Sometime when you are at leisure, drop in at 54 Mercer Street, which is not as far from 69 Alexander Street as Parry Sound. The old girl is a king a beautiful recovery.

Ever affectionstely,

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

AF: ESB

June 22, 1938

Dear Professor Meritt:

Thank you for your letter of June 20 regarding Mr. Paul Clement. I shall be very glad to make payments as you suggest. It would be helpful, however, if I could have each requisition about the middle of the month, when I am preparing the payroll to be sent to the Treasurer for payment at the end of the month.

I submitted your question as to amount of insurance to the proper officials and will let you hear as soon as I have a reply.

A letter from Dr. Flowner recently received expresses their delight at the improvement of Arthur and appreciation for your entertainment of Professor Poll, as well as love to you and Elizabeth.

Very sincerely yours,

ESTHER 8. BAILEY

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

ESB: MGH

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

June 20, 1938

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

I have had two interviews with Paul Clement, one in Baltimore when I was there last week and one on Friday here in Princeton. He will undertake to verify the references in our book and I told him that I expected him to give three months time to it. Even so I don't believe he will finish the job, but I think it will be worth \$500 and I wonder how this can be paid to him. My suggestion is that as work progresses from time to time I send a requisition to you, with the understanding that the amount be charged against our book fund. I wonder if this meets with your approval.

For the summer's work, I have divided the book into two parts. Clement is verifying references in half of it and Pritchett will be busy verifying references in the other half. I think they will both have more than they can do.

Very sincerely yours,

Bonus

B. D. Meritt

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

BDM:C

April 18, 1938

Dear Bens

I am sending you enclosed a copy of a letter from the Director of the Epigraphical Museum in Athens. I called Dr. Stevens this morning by telephone, but found that he is out of New York for a week or ten days. I am sure, however, that there will be no difficulty in bringing Mr. Threpsiades to Princeton.

We are terribly distressed to learn from Mrs. Kirkland that
Arthur is still having serious difficulties. I hope that Crowe's
examination this morning may locate the source of the trouble and that
you may all find yourselves in smooth waters after the terrible anxieties
of the past weeks.

Let me know by telegram any time you want Miss Cutter to come down. We shall be delighted to send her for as long as you wish and as often as you wish.

with all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

AWRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt c/o Professor Harold Cherniss Gilman Hall Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, Maryland March 30, 1938

Dear Bens

I cut out of the latest number of

The Manchester Guardian the account of the excavations at Athens. I thought you might be interested
in examining it.

Soviet justice administered to the signers of that silly document which you brought to my attention.

I am relieved to find that of the twelve signatures only six are those of Institute persons. Of course, that does not diminish the gravity of the offense in so far as those six are concerned.

Ever sincerely,

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

AF/MCE

March 28, 1938

Dr. Paul Garland 50 Congress Street Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Dr. Garland:

At the request of Professor

Benjamin D. Meritt I am sending you herewith check

of the Institute for Advanced Study for \$136.45

to reimburse you for the money you advanced in

connection with the publication of the book by

Professor Meritt.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY Secretary EDWARD CAPPS
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Feb.15,1938

Dear Ben:

Garland informs me that he had paid Furst's bill in full, \$1,136.45, before he received my notice that you were transmitting the odd \$136.45 to Furst to be applied to the bill for the Documents. He has heard nothing from Furst regarding the matter, and suggests that it would be in order for you to request him to send the \$136.45 to him so as to keep the accounts of this book clear.

Ever yours,

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offer he cashed the other.

Aud 136.45 to Paul Garland

50 Congress St.

Boston mass

December 20, 1937

Dear Ben:

I have yours of the 16th regarding the Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy. I certainly think that you should attend. It is a high compliment that you are the only American invited - but perhaps Egbert and a few other great authorities are equally well deserving. Now don't get your feelings hurt!

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Benjamin Meritt 69 Alexander Street Princeton, New Jersey

AF/MOE

Copy for Dr. Flexner

December 20, 1937

Dear Morey,

I am sorry not to have answered before your letter of December 18 about the Numismatische Zeitschrift. It would be desirable to be sure for us to have a set in Princeton, but I actually use it so little that I can usually manage without any trouble by consulting Newell. I would not feel like recommending an expenditure of \$400.00 which I think I may have to spend on something else here if the money is available at all.

Sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Professor C. R. Morey
Department of Art and Archaeology
Princeton University
Princeton, N. J.
BDM:C

#### THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

### SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

December 16, 1937

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I am sending to you here a copy of the letter which I have received asking me to take part in the Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy.

You see from the list of names that I am the only one from the United States invited to be a member of the Committee. This representation does not do justice to the United States and I hope very much that I can persuade a few of the active men like Dow and Oliver to go over with me to show what we can do on this side of the ocean. It is my belief that the European representation is somewhat padded.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner BDM:C

enc.

Amsterdam, le 28.Novembre 1937

Monsieur,

Les soussignés qui ont pris l'intiative d'organiser un congrès d'épigraphie grecque et latine qui se réunira à Amsterdam le 1, 2, 3, et 4 Septembre 1938, ont l'honneur de vous prier de leur accorder votre appui en consentant à faire partie du Comité de ce congrès. Ils vous seraient reconnaissants d'une prompte réponse. Etant donné, que le temps presse, ils vous proposent de leur donner plein pouvoir pour régler les details de l'organisation du congrès.

Les séances se tiendront au Palais de l'Académie
Royale des Pays-Bas. Les langues officielles du congrès
seront l'allemand, l'anglais, le français et l'italien.

La même demande a été adressée à Messieurs M. Hiller
von Gartringen, Kirchner, E. Diehl, E. Sommatsch, L. Wickert,
Bourguet, L. Robert, G. Daux, R. Flacelière, Merlin,
A. Wilhelm, J. Keil, Zingerle, Z. Kazarow, Woodward, Collingwood, Graindor, Grégoire, Cliverio, Segré, Paribeni,
De Sanctis, Maiuri, Silvagni, Della Corte, Calza, Breccia,
De Grassi, Romanelli, Brusin, Mancini, Aurigemma, Cardinali,
Corradi, Blinkenberg, Keramopoullos, Kourouniotis, Buckler,
Meritt, Nachmanson, Sundwall, Salač, Alföldi, Daicovici,
S. Lambrino, B. Saria, M. Abramic, N. Vulič, Madame Guarducci.

Le comité provisoire C.W. Vollgraff, preside

C.W. Vollgraff, president A. Calderini

P. Roussel

G. Klaffenbach

M. Tod

J.J.E. Hondius, sécrétaire

December 16, 1937

Dear Bens

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter which I wrote to Panofsky this morning. I should like you to think it over.

Always sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNOR

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

AF: ESB

November 17, 1937

MEMORANDUM to Dr. Flexner:

Publication of the Athenian Tribute Lists.

A grant of \$5,000. is needed in order to complete the preparation and publication of the historical commentary on the Athenian Tribute Lists. This is volume two of a publication of which volume one has been financed by the American School at Athens and the Guggenheim Foundation. This money should be available by the summer of 1938 and the final expenses from it should be made before 1940.

Attached to this memorandum is a bibliography of previous publications by the authors, Wade-Gery and Meritt, in so far as their publications related to the problems of this volume. Contributions toward this work have been made by Hamilton College, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Guggenheim Foundation, the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, the Bureau of University Travel, the Charles Phelps Taft Fund of the University of Cincinnati, the Funds for research in the Humanities at the University of Michigan and the Johns Hopkins University, Mr. and Mrs. Semple of

Memorandum to Dr. Flexner -2- November 17, 1937

Cincinnati, the late Franklin D. Locke of Buffalo,
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York, the late President of Hamilton College, Melanchthon
W. Stryker. Most of these gifts have been moderate in
amount, the more important being the Guggenheim fellowship for West; the \$2500. placed at his disposal for the
publication of volume one, not listed in the accompanying bibliography; \$2500. from the American School also
for the publication of volume one. The Carnegie Corporation has also contributed \$6000. to make possible
colaboration this year with Professor H. T. Wade-Gery.

B. D. Meritt

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THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHILOLOGY

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY BALTIMORE, MARYLAND Dept. 7, 1937. Dear Mis Eichelsen,

We are leaving here on Dept. 15 and expect to reach Princeton late an Dept. 18. Will you be so kind as to farward no

mail after this week, for ? fear it wice min me if it

starts and from Princeton as

late as mouday?

Also, vile you please call up the Princeton News Sewice and tell them that they are to stop sending the Times to me in Canada? I am, as always, much in your delet, and thank you a las for helping our with these items. Drieuly yours,

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69 ALEXANDER STREET PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

agril 26, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

I write more than a month ago to learn from water Greny how he wanted his payments made, but I have had no righty from him.

Dinauly yours,

Ben

## 69 ALEXANDER STREET PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

June 10, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Flexner,

You will remember that I spoke to you this morning about Dr. Joseph Fontenrose. In case a vacancy develops in our list of fellowships or research appointees for next year I wish to recommend him for consideration.

Fontenrose holds his doctorate in Classics from the University of California. He has spent a year in Greece working with inscriptions at first hand. He has been this year a Sterling Fellow at Yale, and is primarily interested in problems which bear upon the Oracle at Delphi.

I know him personally and am satisfied that he is a good scholar as well as an admirable fellow. Like all epigraphists he has not much money and yet there is work that he could do here to very good advantage with our collection of squeezes.

Would you be good enough to let me know if any opening in the budget appears, which might be suitably remedied by giving Fontenrose an appointment.

Very sincerely yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

April 20, 1937

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt 69 Ale xander Street Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Professor Meritt:

I have pleasure in informing you that at a meeting of the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study held yesterday Mr. W. Kendrick Pritchett was appointed your assistant for one year, beginning July 1, 1937, at \$1,500. This salary will be paid in twelve installments of \$125 each beginning July 31, 1937.

Yary truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Secretary

69 ALEXANDER STREET PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

april 1, 1937.

Dear Dr. Flexmir.

Dr. O'Donavan sint the repair on Arthur to me and not to Dr. Simon Flexaur. May I ask you to be good enough to intucede once again for me and farward the report to him? I am enclosing it in this letter.

Dinculy yours,

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69 ALEXANDER STREET PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

March 1, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Baily,

Ix would seem to me that an enmual mentuship at \$10 would be the thing. It would treap upon his munchuships in The Princeton Dociety, which - quite apart from the national organization I do consider quite a good thing, ispecially so long as the Agora work continues.

Ben

69 ALEXANDER STREET PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 23, 1937.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I have just heard that the Committee on Materials of Research of the American Philological Association has set aside for no the sum of \$200 to be applied toward securing squeezes from the British Museum and The Louvine.

Dinewly yours,

69 ALEXANDER STREET
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 22, 1937.

Dear Do. Flexaer,

A letter has just come to me from Wade-Gery. He is confident of leave provided he can be back at Wadham in June of 1938, when the Fellows sleet a new warden. In fact, he writes "I am usolved to come — the appartunity which this means for me is worth a lat: for I believe the work we could do together would be of real and solid water."

The financial part of it came out about as I thought. Wade-Grey has gone into his income and outlay very carefully. He would need \$5000. Really \$6000 would be witten to make him care-free. So he applied to the Rhodes Trust for a grant of \$200, which he was told could not, for some reason, be granted. He suggests to me betwring in the U.S.A. before his visit here for a fee. But he doesn't want to do this

and knows it is against the motifute's principles. I have written him not to consider this any further.

him what figure he might usepect from
the motitute if the miritation to be Visiting
Professor is extended. For one thing, I
didn't know myself. But I have, as
you know, sounded him out and now
I think we have the facts:

1. Wade Geny is anxious to come.

2. Ef he is not to rum into videletedraces we ought to offer him a stipend y \$5000, perhaps a little more.

I hope we can are him through.

Viny sineuty yours,

april meet 30

69 ALEXANDER STREET PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 18, 1937.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

Mr. William K. Pritchett, who is now assisting me with the facsimiles of Greek inscriptions that are the property of the Institute, holds an appointment at \$100 a month until (I believe) July 1, 1937.

I find his work most valuable to me now, and in looking forward to the summer when I shall not be in Princeton and to next year, I realize that it will be desirable to have Mr. Pritchett continue his work of classification and reading without interruption, for new acquisitions are coming in constantly.

I wish to recommend to you, therefore, that Mr. Pritchett be given an appointment on a 12-month basis at \$125 a month beginning July 1, 1937. The present rate of \$100 a month is hardly enough, as I have learned, to meet his minimum needs.

Very sincerely yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

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## 69 ALEXANDER STREET PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 9, 1937.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

Bowra made a splendid impression when he lectured here, and I have hopes that he will receive the offer he wants. His presence, with Wade-Gery next year, would really create an ideal combination not to be matched anywhere on this side of the Atlantic. With the Institute and Princeton there would be a group of scholars capable of doing a thoroughly decent job of classical studies.

About Bowra's offer I have sent a memorandum to Stuart, and I enclose a copy of it here for you. Stuart has promised me (a) that Dodds will not write to Bowra and say that it is impossible to find the extra thousand or so without his (Stuart's) telling me so first, and (b) that he will ease my mind by letting me know at any time if Dodds reaches a favorable decision.

Whatever happens we must prevent Dodds from writing to Bowra that he can't raise the money.

Sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

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69 ALEXANDER STREET PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 8, 1937.

Dear Professor Stuart,

I saw Bowra off on the train this morning for Boston. He enjoyed his stay in Princeton and I think we have persuaded him that it will be a fine place for him to carry on his work. President Dodds' emphatic statement yesterday in support of classical study made, I believe, an unusually good impression. Bowra liked the faculty, too, and seems assured of a congenial atmosphere. As you know, it means a great deal to an Englishman.

We talked last night well into the small hours. The presence of the Institute here plays a considerable role with him, and I shall be very happy if his friendship with me and with Lowe helps turn his decision in the right direction. I think Bowra realizes that if he comes here he will find an extensive companionship more nearly in the Oxford manner than he could find elsewhere.

Somehow I hope the financial side of it can be managed. You know his offer for \$10,000 from Harvard. It is really more than that because within a year or two, on Gulick's retirement, it would be \$12,000. But Bowra told me this morning that in spite of this he would come to Princeton for \$10,000, if some of the other conditions could be met, such as a liberal allowance of leave (actually he spoke of one term every fourth year as normal with full salary, which is what they planned at Harvard), provision for a retirement pension, and a suitable teaching schedule (the scheme you have already proposed seemed satisfactory).

This morning's visit to the Graduate College settled one worry Bowra had about lodging. He would like to be assured of a good room there, one large enough for his books (and he has many of them) and large enough "to pace back and forth in," as he phrased it. I said I would communicate this wish of his to you. The room Hardy had, for example, would have been quite inadequate for Bowra, but I think the room opposite the one where Gillespie's nephew lived, and which we saw only through the open door, would do him nicely. He was so much concerned over the room that I think he would like mention of it as part of his formal offer, though he would expect to pay, I am sure, the normal rate for the room he uses.

69 ALEXANDER STREET PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Professor Stuart - 2

I write these impressions to you while they are fresh in my mind, and I hope only that Bowra has no change of heart from his attitude of this morning. He said quite definitely, "I shall come," not "I shall consider coming." He satisfies his obligations at the end of this month at Harvard, and I have asked him to stay with me at 62 Battle Road from February 1 until he sails for England on February 6. So he will be here again, with time enough to see something of the surrounding country. I am glad that we can see him off in such a way that his last associations will be with Princeton.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Documents on Athenian Tribute. By B. D. Meritt. Pp. xi + 135; 2 plates and 16 illustrations in the text. Harvard University Press, 1937.

Professor Meritt has once again given to students of the Athenian Empire, and of its tribute-system in particular, fresh material for consideration, and fresh cause for gratitude. In the first two chapters of the present work he deals with the two decrees, IG 12.65 and 66, which bear on the collection and recording of the \$\delta\cdot\rho\chi\rho\cdot\

IG i .65, of which the first satisfactory reconstruction was published by Wilhelm (Anz. Akad. Wien, 1909, 53ff.), contains certain enactments regarding methods of collecting tribute, of posting the names of defaulters, and of procedure in certain consequential judicial proceedings, and makes particular mention of 'Eyhoyetc. Meritt argues convincingly that these were not, as usually thought, a board of Athenian officials, but local boards appointed in allied states, and in support proposes to restore in 11.6-8 [nalpeggov]' Ev έκαστει τε[ι] πόλει [φόρο έγλογέας hόπος αν] hεκασταχόθε[ν 'Aθε]ν[αίοις σύμπας εγλέγεται] ho [φορος], κ.τ.λ. which in turn involves a change in the accepted restoration of 11.52-6, so as to indicate that the heralds were to be sent to the cities to order them to appoint the necessary 'Byloysig. From the well-known allusion to Samians and Theraeans in 1.21 f., M. concludes that not only was Samos still paying off her war-

indemnity from 440 (pace Nesselhauf), but that Thera, which had been subdued and incorporated in the empire between the spring of 431 and the autumn of 430 (for in Thuc.ii.9,4 it is independent, but in SEG V.28 it already pays tribute), was also required to pay the expense of her own conquest. IG 1 .66 is enlarged by the addition to the two published fragments of a third piece, forming the upper right-hand corner of the stele, which was extracted in 1926 from the later masonry in the west doorway of the Parthenon, but though all three belong to the right-hand side, and give us the beginning and end of the document, the middle piece joins neither of the others. M. restores the text with a line of fifty-seven letters, and not thirty-six as in IG i2., but is only able to extract continuous sense from four passages, of which the introductory formulae supply one. The others are 11.16-22, 35-8 and 55-9 (end), and they are seen to show a striking similarity to the contents of the other decree (i2.65), with the difference, to which M. draws careful attention, that i2.66 seems to deal with procedure for one year only, whilst i2.65 contains permanent regulations, valid also for the future. From this he concludes that 65 is meant to supersede 66, which was the earlier of the two, 'perhaps by a year, perhaps by more' (pp.59 f.). He does not propose an exact date for either, but thinks, with regard to i2.65, that 'its general purport and the far-reaching consequences of its provisions make it at least possible that it was passed at some stage in the proceedings connected with the assessment of 425 B.C., and that the crowds of litigants from the allies! (cf. Pseudo-Xen., Ath. Pol. I

16-17) 'may have been, in part at least, an immediate consequence of the decree.'

It is obvous that M. has made a contribution of firstrate importance to the understanding of these two decrees, and that it will serve as a starting-point for fresh enquiry. The reviewer cannot resist asking one or two questions forthwith: first, whether the interval between the two decrees may not be considerably more than a year, in view of the striking differences which they exhibit in the use of the aspirate (65 omits the H on nine occasions, including three restored words, 66 always inserts it except in Exactos, 1. 21), and whether, in view of this difference, more importance may not attach to the striking contrast between the hands of the two stelai - the elegant, individual quality of the widely-spaced script of 65, and the formless and crowded script of 66. Secondly, what is the purpose of the vacant space at the top right-hand corner of 66, presumably matched by a corresponding space at the top left-hand corner, which extends to a width of seventeen letterspaces and a depth of thirteen lines? In the absence of all traces of anything having been attached to cover it, and as the surface is dressed as smooth as the rest of the stele, may we not infer that the blank space was occupied by a painting, presumably symbolising some process connected with the tributecollection, just as does the relief with an amphora and moneybags partly preserved at the head of 12. 65? Does the fact that no analogy is known for painted ornament on Attic decrees, apart from crowns, necessarily offer a fatal objection; and

are there not actual traces of painting still to be seen, notably a shield in three-quarter view, on the photograph reproduced by Meritt (p. 44, fig. 8)? Thirdly, may a suggestion or two be added as to the texts? In 65, 1. 30 may we not restore the enigmatic letters -  $0\theta \iota v \epsilon$  - as [he] $0\theta \iota v \epsilon[v]$  or -  $\tilde{\epsilon}[\iota]$ , on the theory that the mover of the amendment in 1. 27 advocates, in view of the urgency, that the business be brought before an earlier, regular meeting of the Ecclesia, instead of waiting for that proposed 'ten days after the Dionysia' by the speaker in 1. 13, and compare έκκλησίας κυρίας έωθινής in Aristoph., Ach. 1. 19 f.? If so, &[ nputaveus] can hardly stand afterKexponic in 1. 31. In 66, 1. 14 f., perhaps σεμέ[νασα -- (11) -- τει δεμοσίαι σφραγίδ]ι ἀποπέμπετο 'Αθέναζε; and in 1. 33 ἀπα[γογέν] (in the sense of payment) seems a more likely suggestion than ana (TEGLV) or ἀπά[ρχεν], though in 1. 22 - ιαπαι - might be [τε]ι ἀπι[τέσει] οτ [τδ]ι άπαι[τοντι].

In chs. III and IV Meritt returns to the <u>Lapis Primus</u> of the Quota-lists, and offers a most attractive restoration for the fragment added by Wade-Gery (B.S.A. xxxiii. 101 ff.), confirming that this portion of the right-hand narrow face contains a summation of the first year's quota recorded at the top of the obverse face. Accepting the conclusion that the quota for one year is omitted, M. argues that the missing year is 449/8, (and not, with W.-G., 448/7), so that SEG V. 6 belongs to 448/7 and V. 8 to 447/6. Even more far-reaching are his conclusions, in ch. IV, as to the exact number of states and their payments recorded for 448/7, which show how many states defaulted wholly

or in part, and what was the relation between the actual sum received and the assessment for the whole confederacy. The former works out as ca. 280 Talents, as compared with 322 if the partial defaulters had paid in full, and with 435-40 Talents if all members had paid in full. Comparing these figures with those for the four years 454/3 to 451/0, where he shows that in the first year of this period the total received was ca. 350 Talents out of an assessment considerably below the 'Aristidean 460 Talents, ! M. attributes the relatively poor collection in 448/7 to the exceptional circumstances arising from the Peace of Kallias, which resulted in 'the unwillingness of the allies to pay tribute when their need for protection against Persia was thus minimised. In ch. V M. successfully confirms his proposed date for SEG V. 25, as 429/8, as a result of deciphering a few more significant letters from the very faint traces surviving from the heading of the stele in question (cf. Ath. Fin. Doc., pp. 3-25); and in ch. VI he skilfully finds a home for some of the pathetic waifs collected at the end of SEG V. For instance, V. 40 finds a place in V. 11, and thus comes into conjunction with a small fragment, which when transferred from V. 12 makes a convincing join; and V. 43, which is shown to be an incomplete copy of a fragment in V. 4, is relentlessly abolished, after a career of imposture lasting nearly a century. These last two discoveries were due, among others, to the late Allen West, to whose untimely death Meritt alludes feelingly in his foreword.

Mention of a new piece of the Quota-lists from the excavations

in the Agora (p. 78, note 5) serves further to remind us that discoveries of this nature are still far from being exhausted and we may rest assured that when Professor Meritt has any fresh material for us he will present it in the same admirable fashion, alike as regards commentary and illustrations, as his previous publications have led us to expect. Meanwhile, we turn with grateful appreciation to the volume before us.

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