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Dr. William P. Tolley, President,
Allegheny College,
Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Dear President Tolley:

As I know that you and Professor Giddens will want to be laying your plans for his work for the coming semester if he is to undertake the research work for Miss Tarbell, and as the men upon whom we have been counting to support the work have pretty much all gone south, it has occurred to me that perhaps the quickest way to get this matter in shape was for Mr. Ramage and myself to guarantee to Allegheny College the sum of \$5,000. As he had already left for Pinhurst, I prepared such a guarantee and sent it to him. It has just been returned with his signature and he returns with it his check to the order of the College for \$500 as an earnest of his intention. I inclose both the guarantee and his check. Shortly after the turn of the year I expect to send you my check for the same amount.

Shortly before Christmas I telephoned your office and learned that you were out of town so I have taken the liberty of going ahead with this matter without your permission and I trust what I have done and the way it has been done will meet with your approval. If it should not, please be very frank in saying what suggestions you have to offer.

You will understand, of course, that this is all predicated on the assumption that Professor Giddens is willing to undertake the work and that the College can arrange to release him for one semester either this spring or next fall in order that he may have an uninterrupted period of some seven or eight months to devote to Miss Tarbell's work.

Cordially yours,

John H. Scheide