

December 22, 1934

Dear Dr. Tolley:

After considerable delay - these are busy times down here in the publishing world - I have been able to go over the matter of the Titusville book with my publisher. I am enclosing you a copy of a letter I have just written to Mr. Scheide. You will see from this letter how I feel about it. I have told him I am sending a copy to you and Dr. Giddens and between you you can decide what to do.

I believe that if we are to go ahead on the only plan which I see as practical Dr. Giddens should immediately round up documents and notes on the pre-Drake period and put them into an article for which when it is finished I will do my best to secure publication. I think there is a good chance in a serious Review, and it will be a first step which will interest - a good thing both for the Museum and for the College.

I am afraid that my relation to the enterprise will have to remain what I have tried to make clear from the first it would have to be. I do regret that there has been so much delay, particularly on account of Dr. Giddens.

I hope you and Mrs. Tolley are going to have a very happy Christmas, as well as a very happy New Year.

Faithfully yours

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