

[1890-08-05. Packard to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_01.13, 94. L-1091. HO]

1811 Spruce Street.

8. 5. 90

To

E.W. Clark, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Dr. Pepper said nothing to me before leaving about Dr. Peters' letters, & I have been opening them among others. Two of those received I have forwarded to Dr. Pepper, the other two I enclose with this –

Dr. Pepper wrote me to send cablegrams from Dr. Peters to you, but none have come as yet. He said nothing about letters. I shall, of course, hereafter send to you any communications unopened.

Yours truly

Frederick A. Packard

[1890-08-06. Pepper to E.W. Clark. UPMMA_Nippur_01.13, 95-96. L-1090. HO]

Antwerp 8/6

Dear Mr. Clark,

I am very glad to get good news from you. I hope you will insist on your rest. Next season is sure to be an active and exciting one. [*blank*] and I am glad Peters et al. are well and happy. Not one word have I had from them. And I can't pretend to understand P's presence in Bagdad on 6/12 unless he is managing one end of an underground railroad in some way or way [*sic*]. We have had a curious experience for I & one of our sons were seized with La Grippe in typical fashion – have been in bed here 10 days – & only today are able to venture to make a short flight. Of course plans all changed – but we will go to the Tyrol & all will end well. I have not lost one day from sickness in 15 years – & as I can well spare the time first here & now there is surely no excuse for grumbling. We are all happy. Had a charming fortnight in Holland. Saw one or two things of which I must speak with you. But what is Peters up to now? He is a sphynx : & loves mystery for its own sake. If he had bad news we would know it; but he wants to try & make a great 'coup'. Talcott Williams sent me a copy of an interesting & encouraging letter from Petrie about Egyptian objects. I am greatly encouraged & feel enthusiastic about our future. With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Wm. Pepper

[1890-08-12. Kress, School of Mines to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_01.13, 99. L-1093. HO]

School of Mines, Columbia College,

CORNER 49TH STREET & 4TH AVENUE.

New York, August 12th 1890.

Mr. E.W. Clark

Treasurer of the Babylonian Exploration Fund.

Dear Sir.

Mr. J.H. Haynes writes from Baghdad to Prof. Ware that he may draw on you for \$200. (two hundred dollars) to defray certain expenses in the printing of the negatives which he has sent. Prof. Ware is in Europe and will not return till October. I am his attorney, and I know that Prof. Ware and the other subscribers are anxious to have this matter of long standing finally disposed of. May I then ask you to send me your cheque to that amount to Mr. W.R. Ware's order, and I shall return receipt. I enclose copy of parts of Mr. Haynes' letter and order.

Yours Very Truly

M.K. Kress.

[1890-08-12. Packard to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_01.13, 100. L-1092. HO]

1811 Spruce Street.

8.12.90

Dear Sir,

I received yesterday from the Post-Office the enclosed notification of a registered letter awaiting Dr. Pepper. I received this morning an answer (also enclosed) from the postmaster to my letter, inquiring in what way the registered matter could be obtained by me in Dr. Pepper's absence. I judge, from the answer, that the registered material is in all probability from Dr. Peters, & is that mentioned in the enclosed note from D.Z. Noorian.

I, therefore, send you D.Z. Noorian's note with enclosed P.O. receipt, the notification card from the P.O., & the answer to my letter.

Yours truly

Frederick A. Packard.

[1890-08-15. *Pepper to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_01.13, 103-104. HO*]

Harzburg 8/15 [*added by Clark: /90*]

Dear Mr. Clark

You will be glad to know that I was never better or stronger in my life – I have known of this charming spot for years – and have always wished to make trial of its air. Nothing could be more satisfactory. It has the right elevation – and attractive walks in all directions. The Hotel is well kept – the people all German, very quiet & well-bred. We shall stay as long as we can. The enclosed came here via America. It really seems like a large collection. I am very glad to note his assertion that next year will be even more productive. I feel very hopeful that Hamdi Bey will treat us with sufficient fairness to justify the Comm. in deciding to continue for at least another year with Haynes alone – and a limited force – & with the efforts directed to the point where the recent results were so very important.

Yours sincerely

William Pepper

[1890-08-23. Peters to Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_01.13, 107. L-1113. HO]

Jerusalem, Aug. 23/90

My dear Mr. Clark

I send you enclosed Mr. Haynes' report June 15 – July 31st inclusive. There seems to be a mistake in the addition of 5 piastres. It is a slip but what correction must be made I cannot tell until I hear from him. He explains that the large sum expended in house & living expenses really covers a longer period than 1½ months, some of it being due bills not paid when I left, & that his real rate of living is much lower. I sent you today a part spool (No. 6) of Kodak exposures, & a list of subjects accompanies. I do not know where these are being developed, but I hope that it is being well done. I wrote to Dr. Pepper today about state of negotiations.

In great haste

Yours sincerely

John P. Peters.

[1890-09-28. *Frazier to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.01, 20-21. L-1148. HO*]

J...town, Sept. 28/90

Dear Mr Clark,

Absence from home has prevented an earlier acknowledgment of your several letters enclosing sundry letters of Dr. Pepper, Dr Peters & Mr. Haynes.

I hope we shall receive the "finds" now that they will prove of sufficient value to warrant continuance of excavation on a moderate scale.

Yours truly

W. W. Frazier

I return the letters wh. you enclosed.

E.W. Clark Esq.

[1890-10-15. Jayne to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.01, 22. L-1076. TO]

OFFICE OF THE DEAN.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

COLLEGE DEPARTMENT.

October 15th. 1890.

My dear Sir:—

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Council of the University Archaeological Association, held last evening it was resolved that the reports of the Curators be referred to a Committee consisting of the Chairmen of the Special Committees on American, Babylonian and Egyptian Fund, with power to publish if deemed desirable.

Very truly yours

Horace Jayne
Sec'y

Edward W. Clark

[1890-10-20. Pepper to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.01, 23. L-1146. TO]

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST.

1811 Spruce Street.

My dear Mr Clark,

As I feared Mrs. Pepper did not return until late Saturday evening. Prey present to Mrs. Clark our regret that we were prevented from being present at the marriage of your Daughter. I have heard of the enjoyable occasion from several who were fortunate enough to be present at it.

I enclose two letters just received, and will come down and see you tomorrow so as to decide upon the terms of the telegram.

If possible I would like you to shew them to Mr. Frazier, although I don't think we need question much the desirability of letting Dr Peters come home under the circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Wm. Pepper

E.W. Clark Esqr.

October 20th 1890.

[1890-10-22. Dwight to Talcott Williams. UPMAA_Nippur_02.01, 24-25. L-1427.2. HO]

Bible House Constantinople

Oct 22^d/90

Dear Mr. Williams,

I have kept for some days your favor of the 22^d ult., hoping thereby to acquire more wisdom on the subject. I can form no judgement of Hamdi Bey's intentions from independent information of my own. He has been so friendly to Dr Peters as to give the impression of a purpose of giving satisfaction. But as to all Turkish officials, Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes! With the best present intentions Hamdi may change in a moment or may be overruled from the Department when the time comes for a division. If no outside influence intervenes there will probably be a division of some kind; I should be sorry to guarantee half & half! You know the articles are still at Baghdad or en route and nothing will be done until they arrive. I should say that a waiting policy is best for the moment; after the boxes arrive you should have an agent to push the thing through. Of course Dr Peters is the best man for the purpose. If he cannot come I think Dr Long of Rob't College might do the work for you if you could induce him to give the time to it. When the division is imminent it would do no harm to have a reminder sent from Washington to the Legation, although Mr Hirsch has shown himself anxious to do all that he can, or at least he has professed that anxiety in conversation with me. With Hamdi himself Mr. H. could not negotiate, so that his line of work would be the smoothing of difficulties that might be raised from the higher functionaries.

As to the suspension of work this year I gather that it would imperil your hold upon Niffer. A permit might be secured for next year but there would be no security that it would be granted after the firman runs out.

Our city is excited over the arrest of a lot of Armenian conspirators who seem to have formed a sort of Nihilist camp on Russian models. It is currently reported that the Russian Embassy has aided the Turks in running the fellows down. However this may be the Armenians are furious and – cowed. What effect may be seen in the provinces we cannot judge. Probably we are safe against any great affair until spring.

Yours very truly

H. O. Dwight

[1890-10-24. Hirsch to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.01, 26-27. L-1433.3. HO]

United States Legation
CONSTANTINOPLE

October 24, 1890.

My dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of August 16 from Harzburg in Germany has until now remained unanswered. It arrived during my absence on vacation and was awaiting me here on my return in September. In the latter part of that month Doctor Peters arrived here and has without doubt communicated with you and given you the situation as it exist in relation to your interests here. There are undoubted difficulties in the way of obtaining from the authorities here such a division of the result of your labors as we may deem just; for, permit me to repeat it here, there has certainly been a grave mistake made by some one in leaving the impression with you that the Sultan has made certain promises as to the disposition to be made of the articles which are found by your expedition. However, this Legation will not fail to continue in its efforts to obtain for you what may be considered an equitable adjustment by both sides. D^r Peters has been here and during his stay has had the fullest opportunity of judging for himself as to the facts and as to the probabilities of making a satisfactory settlement and has probably communicated fully with you.

We obtained for him an Audience with His Highness the Grand Vizier who is much interested in your work and favorably inclined to doing "what is right".

I judge from Mr. Peters' intimations before leaving here that he may be in Philadelphia before very long in which case you will receive from him a full account of the matter as it stands to day.

Very truly yours

Solomon Hirsch.

[1890-11-01. Haynes to Peters. UPMAA_Nippur_02.01, 28-29. L-1431.8. HO]

Baghdad, Nov. 1. 1890.

My dear Dr. Peters:

Yours of Oct. 6 reached me yesterday. I am now writing despatch to Consul general asking him to retain the dispatch to the Dept of State tendering my resignation. It is awkward to do so; but I know not what better thing to do, under the circumstances and I trust you will explain everything to Dr Pepper and the committee the need of definite action as soon as possible. I wish to be reasonable but do not like to hang too long in mid air. It seems a pity that you have to have to go now to Phila and after a few weeks journey to Constantinople again for no good reason at all – only the shiftless bungling methods of a bankrupt etc. etc. etc.

I herewith send you statement for Oct. which is somewhat more expensive, partly owing to 256 piasters expense to Hindiye and return including 4 days living, and partly by reason of about 1½ lira of winter stores. I am now repairing all the tents which I find need a good deal of mending by way of patching, darning, resewing, strengthening etc. Have made two new ridge poles and two new upright poles, and remodeled the A tent into this shape for the road.  Front view, and this  back view, with windows.

The windows have curtains that can be fastened down or rolled up at pleasure. It is a little smaller, lighter and with shorter, lighter poles than the green tent you took from Baghdad. The windows are provided with lattice work of cord to hold the tent in shape and will, they say, keep flies out. The work is all done in the house and receives a good deal of personal attention. I have so far spent about 152 piasters and shall probably expend 50 or 60 more before they are complete.

At Hindiye Col. Tweedie Mr. Ponafidine and I were guests at the governor's table for two days, had a pleasant time, made real friends with his excellency, and were treated royally. The opening is a grand success and we may now expect water at Niffer the year round. About half the stream returns to its ancient bed while the other half continues its wayward course for the sake of irrigation.

I hope there is some money on the way to me, for there is a balance of 128 ⁷⁶/₁₀₀ £.T. in my hands there is considerable less cash as I have spent something for myself and am slowly picking up things for you. I have bought a rare flint lock pistol richly decorated with silver and gold of good workmanship also two rugs, but if you want anything really fine give me time as rare things are not to be had at all times. There is no trouble about sending you a weaver's loom if you really want it.

Dr. Bowman is feeble now, and refuses to treat patients. Mrs. Ponafidine has been ill nearly all summer but is better now. Miss Wilson has had a hard time through the hot weather, and Mr Stillman has pulled through with difficulty. All are now regaining wasted strength and I hope Dr Bowman will soon recover lost strength.

The [Cornet](#) has gone to Bussorah for survey work. Said Ahmed & Shaul send regards.

Very truly you

J.H. Haynes.

[1890-11-08. Hirsch to Peters. HSN 17. HO]

United States Legation
CONSTANTINOPLE

November 8th 1890

Rev. D^r John P. Peters
c/o University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia

My dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of Oct. 29." from Zurich reached me in due time together with the enclosed Certificate of Deposit for one hundred £ Turkish which we have collected and placed the money into the Imperial Ottoman Bank on deposit subject to draft at sight. Kindly tell us what you desire done with it. The money is there at your risk.

We have made inquiry about the shipment of your antiquities and have been assured that they have either been actually shipped or else they will be shipped in one or two days as orders to that effect have gone forward. If possible I will try to obtain a copy of the request to the Grand Vizier and send it to you.

Hoping you have had a pleasant and enjoyable journey and a satisfactory meeting with your friends

I remain

Yours very truly

Solomon Hirsch

[1890-11-08. Pepper to Williams. UPMAA_Nippur_02.01, 31. L-1437.17. TO]

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST.

1811 Spruce Street.

Dear Mr Williams,

Kindly bring the enclosed very interesting and useful letter to the meeting which we must have as soon as Dr Peters returns. What Mr Dwight says about losing our permit if we do not go on seems to me very serious. I would be entirely willing to depend upon Dr Adler. Do you think it best we should have an interview before he sails? Of course we would not commit ourselves, but would learn his feelings toward undertaking such work for us. This unfortunate undertaking has been blundered at every step. Our last sad blunder is not to have secured the appointment for one of our men in connection with the Chicago Fair.

Let us exert every effort in that direction. Please let me know anything you hear in regard to it. Tell me what you think about Adler (at once, please!). Of course Peters must publish nothing. That is the most astounding proposal after his tirades against every one else who has ventured to say a word.

Yours sincerely

Wm. Pepper.

Talcott Williams Esqr.

November 8th 1890.

[1890-12-04. Dwight to Williams. UPMAA_Nippur_02.01, 32-33. L-1427.3. HO]

Bible House Constantinople

4th Dec 1890

Dear Mr. Williams,

I have succeeded at last in seeing Dr. Long and he says that he and Prof. Van Millingen will continue as in the past to do anything that they can for the Exploration Committee. He says that they will represent you in the division in case no one is sent out and will do their best. But if the work of Division is to be entrusted to them they must of course have the fullest information, and Dr. Peters' private memorandum as to boxes in which the specially important articles are, etc. etc. Hamdi Bey has told Dr. Long that he has received the answer of the Dept. of Pub. Instruction to Dr. Peters' application and it is all right (this refers I suppose to a request which tended to put the decision of questions entirely in Hamdi's hands). He also says that Hamdi seems very friendly and ready to do the fair thing. The only information as to the goods is that they have been reported by telegraph as shipped.

I took this step with Dr. Long, notwithstanding your urgency that I should try to do the work, for the sole reason that I could not do you justice. My time belongs not to myself but to any Turk in the country who chooses to make an attack on our varied interests so that at any moment I have to drop my regular occupation and go the round of official bureaux to straighten out matters. The interruptions of this class take every moment that I ought to spare (and more too) from my work in our Publication Dep't. Thank you all the same for the confidence shown by the request that I should act.

As to the Alexandretta box I have asked Dr. Fuller at Aintab to get some one to look the thing up and ship the box if possible. We have no agent at A. directly dealing with us.

Whil[ill.] Reid is here, leaving today for the South. The Sultan has been polite to him and has given Mrs. R. the decoration of the Shefakat. Mr. Reid is not altogether pleased at the impossibility of leaving his renown as Editor behind him even when the Sultan talks with him as Minister to Paris.

A great frensie reigns among the Armenians in the city because of the sweeping arrests made. Membership of any club or association is presumptive evidence of conspiracy and the possession of books that have not been approved by the Gov't, is confirmation. The victim is asked the names of his intimate friends and his list of names is the basis of a new batch of arrests. Once in prison every man is held indefinitely, and his house is ripped up in the search for evidence on wh. to hold him

Yours truly

H. O. Dwight

P.S. The police have been to the Bible House with an order to arrest the American Bible Society!
They were referred to the U.S. Consulate.

[1890-12-19. Pepper to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.01, 41-42. TO]

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST.

1811 Spruce Street.

My dear Mr Clark,

I send you a letter that I have received from Dr Peters. I sent it to Mr Williams and return you his comment. Will you kindly return both and please express yourself upon the points raised by Dr Peters so as to guide me in my reply which I want to send today.

Yours sincerely

Wm. Pepper

E.W. Clark Esqr.

December 19th 1890.

P.S.

Since writing the above the second enclosure from Peters has arrived. For heavens sake do not let us give up this great work. You and I must keep our hands upon it, and we will bring it to a successful end I am sure. Now that the Committee has cut loose from Haynes I am almost tempted to cable him that I will be responsible for his salary, and for small sums put at his disposal to buy antiquities until the division is made. I find that I cannot rest easily with the feeling of taking my hand from the ploughshare.

WP

[1890-12-20. Pepper to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.01, 43. L-1042. TO]

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST.

1811 Spruce Street.

Dear Mr Clarke,

Here is more matter from Peters. I think it is most satisfactory. How unfortunate his accident and sickness just after his return have been. However all may end well yet. Kindly return these to me at once. Do not you think it looks as though after the first of the year we were going to have a sharp turn for the better in financial matters, so that we will all feel our burdens lighter again? After all the amount which we put into this movement compared with what we are induced to spend on our personal comforts is so small that I often feel ashamed of myself.

Yours sincerely

William Pepper

E.W. Clark Esqr.

December 20th 1890.

[1890-12-22. Pepper to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.01, 43. L-1145. HO]

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST.

Dear Mr Clark

I leave you another from Peters. Hilprecht is very ill. Will do no work this winter. Please advise me what you would have me wire Peters according to the former letter I sent you. It should be sent tomorrow I think. I can not come down town tomorrow; but could be here Saturday at 1⁴⁰. Please send me word today – returning Peters 2 letters.

Yours Sincerely

Wm Pepper.

I also wish to speak to you about [*ill.*] & will hand you my cheque for instalment due –

[1891-01-05. Pepper to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.02, 1. L-1043. TO]

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST.

1811 Spruce Street.

Dear Mr Clark,

I enclose you a note from Dr Peters. I am sorry on many accounts that he leaves us to go to New York. I cannot wonder at his decision however. I had a long conversation with him yesterday. He brought me an even more encouraging letter from Hamdi Bey expressing warm personal interest in him, and a most kindly spirit to our Expedition. It seems to me that it is becoming clear that Dr Peters should go back to secure the division in the Summer. He told me yesterday that he would be willing to do it if it was thought necessary, and that he would ask only his travelling expenses for 60 days.

Yours sincerely

Wm. Pepper.

E.W. Clark Esqr.

January 5th 1891.

[1891-01-10. Peters to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.02, 2-3. HO]

Mr. E. W. Clark 5 rugs

1. Rug with diamond pattern, much green, bought in Baghdad	pi.	125.00
2. Khorassan rug, long, background dark, border pale blue, bought in Baghdad, very fine rug.		376.75
3. Small Khorassan rug, blue & red. Bought in Baghdad		110.00
4. Dark, reddish brown rug, bought from Haynes		102.50
5. Kurdish rug, " " "		180.00
Packing, wax cloth, sacking, Turkish duties, transport to Beirout, shipping		264.50
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		1158.75
Piaster reckoned at 5 cts. to cover exchange & minor expenses		57.94
Freight, storage, express &c.		8.25
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		Total \$ 66.19

Mr. E. W. Clark

Old cashmere curtain, Persian (Baghdad) pi.		350.
Specimen of modern Baghdad work, white yellow [<i>ill.</i>] 30.		
White scarf embroidered in blue & gold (Bagh)		10.
" embroidered cloth, flowers & birds "		125.
" scarf embroidered "		18.75
" embroidery very delicate "		10.00
Woman's abbah from Nejef 461.25		
Indian gold woven scarf, [<i>ill.</i>], Blue & gold,		83.50

Pink silk embroidered (Baghdad	20.00
Table mat, cloth embroidery [<i>Baghdad</i>] 50.00	
Indian kefiyeh, white & gold	153.75
" "	34.25
Table cover (Constantinople) filmy thin [<i>ill.</i>]	130.00
4 embroidered towels "	108.00
One piece Broussa silk [<i>ill.</i>] yellow [<i>ill.</i>]	22.00
" green lace scarf	100.00
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	1706.50
Transport, shipment, customs, backsheesh &c.	177.50
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	1884.
	\$ 94.20
Pink sash (Beirout), fr. 16	
One piece silk (") 10, long yellow	
One brass salver (") <u>18</u>	
44	\$ 8.36
Stones & crystals from Nejef	\$ 1.50
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	\$104.06
Express	.50
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	\$104.56

[1891-01-13. Peters to Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.02, 6. L-1150. HO]

1011 St. Bernard Place

Jan. 13/91

Dear Mr. Clark

I am sending you tomorrow, as per enclosed list, embroideries, silks &c. to the amount of \$104.56. You will understand that in all Oriental purchases some things not desired must be purchased to secure what is desired. I hope rugs were received, but have not heard from you. I have sent Mr. Frazier now to the total sum of \$244.42, which I requested him to pay to you on my account; to Dr. Pepper to the sum of \$197.86, which I understand is covered by a sum paid you for my account by him last year?

Yours sincerely

John P. Peters

[1891-01-21. Hirsch to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.02, 8-9. L-1433.4. HO]

United States Legation
CONSTANTINOPLE

No. 169

January 21. 1891.

D^r William Pepper

Provost University of Penn.

Philadelphia.

My dear Sir

The boxes containing the articles recovered by the archeological expedition under D^r Peters arrived at this port about a week ago and are now at the Custom House here.

During the stay here of D^r Peters some few months ago a petition was drawn and handed by me to His Highness the Grand Vizier on the subject of the expedition and its results which gave me the opportunity of expressing the hope that a fair share of the objects found be given to your University. That petition was in its regular course referred to His Excellency Hamdi Bay who in a very recent conversation informed me that he had returned a favorable report. I doubt not but you have made all necessary arrangements to have your interests properly looked after by parties whose scientific attainments enable them to represent you.

The Legation is even ready to second your efforts in behalf of your or any other American institution and in the interest of science.

Very truly yours

Solomon Hirsch

[1891-02-18. R.F. Harper to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.02, 45. L-1429.6. TO]

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Dictated.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 18, 1891

Provost William Pepper,

1811 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir,—

Your very kind letter was received and acting upon your advice and following out what I had written to you in my first letter, I send you by express the two tablets. I received on the day after I had written to you a letter from Prof. Peters demanding these tablets. You may well imagine what my answer to him was. I have taken great pains in packing these tablets and I hope that they will reach you safely. I am very sorry that there has been any trouble about them. There need not have been. I think that you understood how things were from the beginning.

I do not now care to ask for the privilege of publishing the text of these tablets. In fact, I am rather glad that the whole affair is off my hands. I wish the committee to regard these tablets as presented by me. Legally they are mine. It gives me great pleasure to present them to the Committee of the expedition.

Thanking you again for your many kindnesses to me, I remain

Yours very truly

Robert Francis Harper.

[1891-04-05. U.S. Legation, Constantinople to Blaine. UPMAA_Nippur_02.03, 4-7. L-1433.1. HC]

Copy

Nº 261.

United States Legation,

Constantinople, April 5th, 1891.

To the Honorable

James G. Blaine,

Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In the matter of the application made by this Legation to the Ottoman Authorities, as reported in my Nº 213, that a portion of the antiquities found at Niffer by the Archeological expedition, sent out by the University of Pennsylvania, be awarded that University, I have to report that I have had several conversations on the subject both with H.H. the Grand Vizer and with the Minister of Public Instruction.

The latter has now informed me that, notwithstanding the law of the Empire, forbidding the exportation of archeological treasures found here, he had after consultation with Hamdi Bey, Director of the Imperial Museum decided to recommend to the Sublime Porte that a reasonable number of the objects discovered be presented to the University of Pennsylvania; that the division be made after the contents of the boxes now in the Museum shall have been examined. He suggested that the boxes be opened now, and the objects to be presented, selected at once: inasmuch as no list is known to exist from which any one could know what these cases contain and inasmuch as I know of no one here, competent to assist in examining and dividing these objects, even if such a list did exist, I replied that action might be deferred until an authorized agent of the University be designated to be present at the opening and examination of the cases: and this suggestion was agreed to. This is as far as I obtained any promise from the Minister.

The conversations had with the Grand Vizir on this subject, lead me to hope that there will be no hesitation on his part to approve the recommendations by the Minister.

Doctor Peters of the University has had many conversations with Hamdi Bey, who is now in charge of the cases and will be present at their opening and the division of the antiquities, and he is perfectly competent to determine as to how liberal a share is likely to be presented to the University.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Solomon Hirsch.

[1891-04-25. Pepper to Low. UPMAA_Nippur_02.03, 1-3. L-1437.6. CC]

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST.

(Copy)

1811 Spruce Street.

My dear Mr. Low,

Pardon my delay in replying to your note. I was anxious to have a meeting of our Babylonian Exploration Committee so as to get authority to address you upon an exceedingly important point, and I waited a couple of days so as to accomplish this, so that I might write you about both matters at once. We have made a splendid find at Niffer, which is in the desert beyond Baghdad. The mound is very large, and the ruins covered are of great extent as shewn by the large plaster casts we have had made from careful architectural work of Mr. Field, who was with our Expedition. These casts are here now, having been made in Paris by a most expert constructor. It was only within a few weeks before our people were forced to leave Niffer that we struck what seems to be a great Library, for so it must be regarded on account of the great numbers of tablets which were discovered close together. Our party was able to carry away a splendid lot of these, which are now at Constantinople, and Dr Peters sailed a week ago to arrange for the division of them with the Director of the Museum there. I have no doubt we shall secure a liberal share, and as I have just received a cablegram that 12 large boxes additional have been actually shipped to us, we all feel that the great labor and expense and anxiety of the four past years is amply repaid.

We have made a good many mistakes, and have learned how not to do several things connected with such exploration. Of course Niffer must be studied thoroughly, and the work there cleaned up. It is certain humanly speaking that great treasures are still there. The work can be conducted much less expensively than we have done it. We have not been in a position to offer co-operation to other Colleges until now, because we had not shewn that there is enough treasure at Niffer to make it right to expect others to share in expense.

At present, the position is this, there is a large treasure proved to exist there; the work can be conducted at an outside figure of \$12,000 to \$15,000 per annum, with a large party working throughout the whole 12 months. I may here say that we spent the first year \$22,000, and only had our party actually working 8 weeks, so great were the difficulties in initiating the work. I am now authorized to offer to Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Princeton and Johns Hopkins to unite with the University of Pennsylvania in prosecuting this work to a finish. I thought it not impossible that since we have lost Delphi, many of those who were interested in obtaining that concession would be glad of this opportunity.

Will you kindly speak with Professor Ware about this, and if you think it is desirable let us have a meeting with representatives of the other Institutions, and decide at once, since Dr Peters will make but a short stay in Constantinople, and the terms of the permit which he will secure for the completion of the work must depend upon our action. When we entered upon this work 4 or 5 years ago, we pledged ourselves to throw the field open to our sister Colleges in the above spirit. Of course all treasures found would be divided equitably between the participating Colleges. Turning now to the question of University Extension, you will see at once from the enclosed circular what has been done. The aim has been to create a strong national movement so that the Society can lend itself to the assistance of the work in any special field. This is flexible, and can adapt itself to any requirements that may arise in a work which is so new and progressive as University Extension. This circular is of course only a preliminary one, a revised edition will be issued promptly containing additional names. We are rapidly securing a large guarantee fund, covering five years, and the permanency of the work appears to be solidly assured. You may count upon our co-operation in every way in our power. It seems to me very important that you yourself should join the Advisory Committee, as it would not in any way interfere with other work that you may contemplate in this direction.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Seth Low.

April 25th 1891.

[1891-05-01. Wharton to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.03, 19-20. L-1434.2. HO]

Department of State,
Washington, May 1, 1891.

D^r W^m. Pepper, &c. &c. &c.

University of Pennsylvania,
1811 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have the pleasure to enclose a copy of a further dispatch from our Minister at Constantinople touching the division of the antiquities found at Niffer.

The Department will defer reply to Mr. Hirsch, until the receipt of a communication from you on the subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

William F. Wharton

Assistant Secretary

Enclosure.

From Mr Hirsch.

No. 261. Apr. 5. 1891.

[1891-05-05. Wharton to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.03, 22-23. L-1434.3. HO]

Department of State,
Washington, May 5, 1891.

D^r W^m Pepper, &c. &c. &c.-

University of Pennsylvania,
1811 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of 2^d instant and beg to say that in accordance with your suggestion, our Minister at Constantinople has been directed by cable to express a hope that the examination of the 'antiquities found at Niffer' may be delayed until Dr. Peters' arrival at that city.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

William F. Wharton

Acting Secretary.

[1891-05-22. Warton to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.03, 44-45. L-1434.4. HO]

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Department of State,
Washington, May 22, 1891.

Dr. W^m Pepper,

&c. &c. &c.

University of Pennsylvania,
1811 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to say in further response to your letter of 2^d instant, regarding the Niffer Antiquities, that as appears by dispatch No. 282 of 6th instant of Mr. Hirsch, Dr. Peters arrived at Constantinople on 2^d instant, and has been able to take proper steps respecting the object of his visit.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

William F. Warton.

Acting Secretary

[1891-06-06. Clark to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.03, 49. L-1428.5. HO]

E. W. Clark & Co. Bankers.

Philadelphia, June 6th 1891

Dear D^r. Pepper

I am glad to learn that Peters is making progress in Constantinople. I would not call a meeting about ordering a picture by Hamdi until we have learned the views of some of our associates. Perhaps only you & I & Frazier would attend. I doubt the wisdom of spending \$ 500 & upwards for a picture, as we have no money to spare and the purchase would probably not influence Hamdi materially in the division of the finds.

Mr Potts has promised \$ 1.000. payable at his convenience. We have now \$ 3.000. out of the \$ 6.000. required. Can't you & Frazier & Harrison secure add^l subs.?

Yours truly

E. W. Clark

[1891-06-20. Peters to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.03, 55-62. L-1128. HO]

Constantinople, June 20/91

Dear Dr. Pepper

It is with sinking of heart & something akin to deep mortification that I sit down to write you this letter. I have telegraphed you today that we had received less than half. I should say that we have received about one third of the objects found by us in the two years & transported to Constantinople, & in view of the difficulties & delays & extravagant expenses due to the Turkish government's unfriendliness & obstinacy, I regard this as entirely inadequate. Moreover I am assured that what is given is given entirely as a personal favor to me; on the part of Hamdy, as a matter of personal friendship. This is certainly so far true that the next man might & probably would get nothing. Under the circumstances I have accordingly cabled advising discontinuance. I have pushed the matter as far as I dare at present. When I have put on board ship the objects so far secured I will make a fight in a different way for more. In the mean time my work must be to remain here & examine carefully all the objects which they retain, before they become confused beyond hope of studying them. As you know many of our photographs turned out failures, & accordingly many objects ought to be rephotographed, also casts of certain objects should be made.

I had hoped to have had the matter of the photographs arranged before I left, making m[y]self a list of the objects of which we have photographs & of those of which the photographs failed, but unfortunately the photographic work was not quite complete at my departure. Can you have made & sent to me at once such lists (Dr. Jastrow or Prof. Hilprecht could make them in an hour or two) First let Mr. Haynes' lists of exposures of first year be taken & from those a list made of all exposures for objects (of course trenches, ruins, views, groups &c. are not needed for my present purpose). Then on that list let all the exposures be marked which are not sufficiently successful, & need to be repeated. Let the same be done with the second year.

Dr. Jastrow knows where the lists & photos. are.

I assume that you will not continue the excavations. In that case we should sell such equipment as we still have on hand. If Mr. Haynes will give you the list of property & the whereabouts of the same & you will forward it to me, I will have it sold for the best we can get for it.

I am unwilling to recommend the expenditure of more money in the Turkish empire (except in the direct purchase of objects), & feel as though if I could I ought to reimburse what has been expended at my instigation. What we have to do now is to work up our results, & leave the future, after the results have been worked up, to be settled by later developments. It is painful & mortifying to me in the extreme to be compelled to give this advice.

I telegraphed to Dr. Hilprecht to come on & go to work. He telegraphed that he would come if I obtained from the Committee expenses for himself & wife. As I had not one word from you in answer to mine with reference to bringing him down here, & he evidently had no word on the subject, I thought it best to telegraph him not to come. Moreover, after my first telegram I reached the conclusion that we might possibly get more afterwards, & that to have someone working here could interfere with that. I will put everything in shape, & be in a better condition after that to report as to the need of his coming on.

I enclose a note from Messrs. J. W. Hampton, Jr., & Co. to Mrs. Peters. I hope those boxes are safe at the Library. I have about a dozen to fifteen boxes here.

The photographs of Hamdy Bey's paintings I hope you can return to me later on my return. Presumably under present conditions no one feels like buying any.

Yours faithfully

John P. Peters.

[1891-06-20. Telegram, Peters to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.03, 54. L-1437.19]

6/20/91

To Pepper

University Phila

(try 1811 Spruce)

Less than half advise discontinue instruct

Peters

[1891-06-23. *Peters to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.03, 63-64. L-1129. HO*]

Constantinople, June 23/91

Dear Dr. Pepper

Better news, for roads here are very crooked, & when you think yourself at the end you sometimes squeeze through a narrow, half underground passage & begin again. I had begun to pack, but today I found an unexpected opening, & squeezed through. For the last five hours I have been chuckling to myself over the explosion of French wrath at Hamdy's treatment of me which I let off today to the astonished Minister of Public Instruction, Hamdy's very bitter enemy. Please understand for the present without my telling you. On Thursday (today is Tuesday) the results will be known, & I may send you another cable. I think, however, that, whatever the result, before we send out another expedition we must have a definite agreement as to division, & am therefore inclined to advise that we wait a little bit & negotiate, so that more than one American Expedition is ready to start at once, as for instance ours to Niffer, one representing totally different interests for Palestine &c. In the meantime Hamdy & I are the best of friends & propose to remain so if we can.

Yours sincerely

John P. Peters.

This is a private note, & need not be filed I think. My vanity prompts me to add in justification of my apparent slowness & want of success up to the present, that the wily Gargiulo complimented me enthusiastically on my skill in getting even as much as I now have, saying he had not himself supposed that possible. The only skill I can see seems to me no skill, but I have really come to like both Munif & Hamdy & they me.

[1891-06-29. Peters to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.03, 65-67. L-1130. HO]

Constantinople, June 29/91

Dear Dr. Pepper

Your cable of dissatisfaction was duly received. Since my last I have to relate the following. Thursday afternoon, 25th, I saw Munif & Hamdy together, & afterwards the former alone at his own desire. Everything seemed to go satisfactorily, & Munif declared in the second interview that I was entitled to one half, & he would see that I got it, but that he thought Hamdy would make no difficulties. Friday of course the Museum was closed. Saturday Hamdy went up to the palace, & did not reach the Museum until 2 P.M. I had scarcely begun to speak to him, & had not uttered half a dozen words before he burst out with great violence, rising, gesturing with his arms, & rushing up & down, crying out that I was never content, but always changing my base & demanding more. That the matter was finished & he would give absolutely nothing more. I said Good morning, turned on my heel & left him.

I presume that he had just had some bad luck at the palace, but his conduct was very objectionable, & bodes no good. I had a talk with Gargiulo this morning, & found that he had heard of the incident from one of subordinates of the Museum who was present. I called at the Museum to see if Hamdy could talk reason today, but he did not come. I saw that he had given orders which looked as though he meant what he said. I spend tomorrow with Munif at his country seat, & shall talk over the situation with him at leisure. I am certain of something more, but how much I cannot say. Hamdy's outburst was the more unexpected as after the interview with Munif on Thursday I dined with Hamdy & spent a most charming evening en famille. On Thursday both Munif & Hamdy insisted very strongly that what I received was because of my "propre personne", & for no other consideration.

Now taking everything into consideration, even if they give us one half, I can not in view of my experiences in this division & the outlook for the future advise a continuance of work at present. Stop short, & when we have had time to work up results let us decide whether & how we will continue. My return at present can do no good, & I have planned if I ever get through here to take a trip in the interior which is very important for me, & which I can not well afford to lose. I should be back in September. You surely can not need me before that.

Yours sincerely

John P. Peters.

[1891-07-01. Wharton to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.04, 1. L-1434.5. HO]

Department of State,
Washington, July 1, 1891.

Dr. Will^m Pepper, &c. &c. &c.

University of Pennsylvania,
1811 Spruce St., Philadelphia,

Sir:

I have to state that, according to a further dispatch from our Minister at Constantinople, – No. 305 of 9th ultimo, – the donation of antiquities found at Niffer, to the University of Pennsylvania, has been confirmed by His Majesty the Sultan.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

William F. Wharton

Acting Secretary

[1891-07-16. Noorian to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.04, 9-11. L-1134. HO]

Abington Ave. Newark N. J.

July 16[#] 1891.

Dr. William Pepper.

My dear Sir.

Dr. Ward has received a letter from Dr. Peters calling attention to one or two little accounts he has against me. One is for expense of carrying some things of mine to Beirout and is for 83 piasters and is personal for Dr. Peters, he says. That amounts to \$3.75.

The next is for a pistol and traveling beadsted and chair, belonging to the Expedition and which he wished me to sell in Beirout. The pistol was stolen at Tuz-khurmati but I will pay for it the price for which Dr. Peters sold others like it or any fair price he will fix. The traveling beadsted and chair I left in Beirout to be given to Dr. Graham who has the charge of all the Expedition things in Beirout.

Dr. Peters also says that he lent my brother in Beirout 80 francs. This is the first I have ever heard of it. I have immediately written to my brother about it & as soon as I hear from him will pay anything my brother owes Dr Peters. I enclose the sum now due to Dr. Peters, for freight, which I beg you to give to Mr. Clark, for Dr. Peters, as he requested, as I do not know Mr. Clarks address.

I learn that Mr. Haynes has made certain charges against my honesty to Dr. Peters and Dr. Ward, based chiefly on reports from Mustafa. I deny utterly all charges of unfaithfulness and if such charges have been made to your committee I ask you to allow me to appear before any of your committee in the presence of Mr. Haynes, Dr. Peters and Dr. Ward that I may have the opportunity to correct any suspicions or slander.

I have worked hard and been faithful under some difficult circumstances. Some of the charges I have heard are outrageously false, altho I acquit Mr. Haynes of any intention. I think I have some right to ask the opportunity to set myself right. I have written on the subject to Mr. Haynes.

I am

Yours very respectfully

D.Z. Noorian

[1891-07-18. Pepper to E.W. Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.04, 3. L-1131. TO]

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST.

15 Greenough Place.

Newport R. I.

My dear Mr Clark,

My fear was that Hamdi's wrath might lead him to lessen the share given us. Perhaps it will act in the other way. I send a letter from Noorian with cheque for the amount enclosed. Of course you cannot settle with Haynes until Peters comes back. I am sorry the latter goes further into the East, but it must be a great temptation to him. I forwarded Haynes list directly to Peters according to his request. I wish you would write Peters urging him to bring all he can get for us back with him, and not to be later than the date mentioned.

Yours sincerely

Wm. Pepper

E.W. Clark Esqr.

July 18th 1891.

[1891-08-10. Peters to Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.04, 16-19. L-1137. HO]

Constantinople, August 10/91

My dear Mr. Clark

It might interest you to have a statement of just what I have obtained, especially in the way of tablets.

Four boxes of pottery, bricks, odds & ends & fragments of tablets from the first year to be sent from Baghdad. Of the things brought to Constantinople almost all the tablets & fragments of tablets, half of the pottery, some of the bronze, terra cottas, glass, jewelry &c. Outside of the large inscribed door socket of Kurigalzu little of any importance from the first year remains behind. For the second year I will give you the statement box by box. We get thirteen boxes of tablets & fragments of tablets, as follows

1. Baked tablets, whole 77, broken 90.
11. Fragments of unbaked tablets.
15. Baked tablets, whole 250, broken 34; next to most valuable of all.
20. Baked fragments of better class.
22. Unbaked fragments.
23. Small box unbaked tablets & fragments.
- 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34. Very large boxes, containing each as much as three or four ordinary boxes, comprising the best part of tablets & fragments from what I have described as the Library; a small box of tablets from the Temple archives; all the seal cylinders, & a large number of fragments of inscribed stones from the Temple.
29. Box of poorer sort of fragments.

They retain

2. Baked tablets 284, broken 62
3. Unbaked " 98, " 80
- 4 " " 61, " 132
- 12 " " 40, " 47
- 13 " fragments.

- 14 " "
- 16 Good baked fragments
- 17 " " "
18. " " "
19. Baked tablets 50, unbaked fragments 20
- 21 " " 51, " tablets 105
24. Small unbaked tablets & fragments.
25. Poorer fragments
- 31 " "
33. " "

We have much the best lot, & I hope to get still some more.

In bronze, jewelry &c. (box 5) we do not come out well, but get enough to illustrate.

6, 7, 8. Pottery. We get one box, but it is worth both the others.

9. Stone objects. We get on the whole a little more than half.

10. Bricks. More than half, & those selected.

36. Fragments of coffins. Goes to us.
Entire sarcophagus they have.

35. Large vase & various fragments. They got vase, & we the fragments & odds & ends.

Of large inscribed stones. They have the valuable lapis lazuli inscription, two Sargon door sockets, one Pur Sin door socket, & one rude stone of unknown king. We have one Sargon door socket, & one Pur Sin door socket.

I intend to go to Broussa at the end of this week for a few days, as part of my little scheme to get more. I have been copying, squeezing, casting, & photographing every thing that remains, & hope as the result of my work to make these things accessible for our study & publication without the need of a further visit to Constantinople.

I am pretty well tired out.

Yours sincerely

John P. Peters.

[1891-08-27. Noorian to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.04, 29-30. L-1439. HO]

Abington Avenue

Newark New Jersey.

Aug. 27[#] 1891

Dr. W. Pepper,

My dear Sir:—

I have just received a letter from my brother in answer to one I wrote him about 80 francs lent my brother by Dr. Peters and which my brother acknowledges as received. I therefore, send you, as requested by Dr. Peters in his letter to Dr. Ward the enclosed check for sixteen dollars, which will fully make good to Dr. Peters the sum advanced. Please give it to Mr. Clark, whose address I do not know to be credited to Dr. Peters' private accounts.

I told you in a previous letter that I desired the opportunity to meet reports your committee have received questioning my loyalty to the expedition. I still request the opportunity whenever you may be ready to allow it.

I am

Yours respectfully

Daniel Z. Noorian

[1891-08-30. Peters to Clark. UPMAA_Nippur_02.04, 33. L-1138. HO]

Constantinople, Aug. 30/91

Dear Mr. Clark

We have almost everything particularly valuable in the tablet line, except certain fragments, which I am still working hard to get. I have ordered casts of a little more than 400 tablets which remain here. I sail from Havre Sept. 19th. Passage is taken, but name of steamer I do not know.
Yours in haste

John P. Peters.

[1892-02-22. Noorian to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.05, 12-20. L-1254.b. HO]

Abington Ave., Newark, N.J.

February 22, 1892.

Dr. William Pepper,

President of the University of Pennsylvania

My dear Sir,

The tablets referred to in your note of February 3rd I have kept in my possession, waiting until I could learn what price I must put upon them, before sending them to you, according to my promise made to Dr. Peters. Before sending them allow me to tell you the facts about my getting them.

During the summer of 1889 Mr. Haynes and I were left in Baghdad. Dr. Peters had left Mr. Haynes in full charge, and had directed me to receive my instructions through him. Dr. Peters had, however, told me that if I learned of any collections of good tablets for sale, I was to try to find their price and ask the owner to hold them until I could write to Dr. Peters and find if he would purchase them, in which case he would send money for them. Now these words sounded well enough, but they were quite impractical when attempted. When a man brings a few tablets or such things, you cannot make him wait three months for an answer, especially when he is in need of the money, and M. Pognon is ready at the French consulate to buy them and perhaps pay more money for them. There are too many purchasers.

These thirty tablets came to the American Consulate in several small lots and were offered for sale. At that time the Consulate was left without money and the running expenses were being paid with money which I loaned to Mr. Haynes. He was owing me a considerable sum and I had very little money left. We had not a piaster given us to buy anything for the University.

I happened to know the man who brought these tablets and offered them for sale. They seemed to me worth having, and I showed them to Mr. Haynes. He shrugged his shoulders and told me that seeing he was not supplied with money to pay our living expenses he could not spend money for the purchase of antiquities for the University. Thereupon I told Mr. Haynes I would secure the objects, knowing that if I did not do so, the man would take them elsewhere. The man asked a very high price for them. I could not pay his price, but I was not willing to have them go to France or England. I, therefore, agreed with the first lot brought to pay him precisely what he had paid for them, and take them to America and sell them for what I could get for them, and give him half the profit. While thus bargaining for them I told Mr. Haynes what I afterwards told Dr. Peters, that in offering them for sale in America the University of Pennsylvania should have the first chance, and, if it took them, my half of the profits should be given to the University.

I did all this with the desire and expectation of pleasing Dr. Peters, and serving the University at whose orders I was then waiting at half pay.

When Dr. Peters returned I immediately told him about the purchase expecting his commendations. Instead he rebuked me severely, telling me I had no right to make the purchase, but should have waited till I could hear from him.

I did not like it, but I showed them to him and told him what I had told Mr. Haynes, although I did not feel that I was under any obligation to him in the matter.

I have since felt myself bound by this promise, even though it would be very easy to persuade myself that his uncivil and brutal treatment of me after the expedition closed relieved me of any sort of obligation to him.

I served him honestly and he has charged me with treachery and dishonesty, on the flimsiest evidence. He has done me a great injury. I am thankful that he can make non of the party except Mr. Haynes believe his charges. This conduct of his would relieve me of any duty to him; it is only my duty to myself and my own word that requires me to keep my promise under the changed conditions.

I find I can dispose of these tablets in this country for \$ 400. at least. My share of the profits, after paying expenses of purchase, transportation, fees, &c. at this rate would be \$ 150. Deducting this would leave the price for the University at \$ 250. This would be a dead loss to me of \$ 150, which I cannot afford to lose, and which I know that Dr. Peters has no right to ask of me, and which after his outrageous treatments I do not think the University has any right to ask of me.

Had I been treated differently by Dr. Peters I would have given them overgladly. It would have been a pleasure to me. Indeed I thought seriously, before receiving Dr. Peters letter of accusation at sert [*sic*], of giving the cylinders as a present to the University. But now it is no pleasure to me to do it.

I consent, however, if you desire it, to send the tablets immediately to you, and if you decide to take them for \$ 250. I will immediately send \$ 150. to the man in Baghdad.

I must, however, ask one thing as a condition. It is that the collection should be registered as secured for the University by Mr. Noorian of the University expedition and that proper credit be given to me for collecting them in any publication about them. None of the credit belongs to any one else, least of all to Dr. Peters, and if I lose my profit I have a right I think to this much of recognition. If this pleases you will you be good enough to let me know, and I will send the tablets immediately for your examination.

I am

Very respectfully yours

Daniel Z. Noorian.

[1892-03-14. Peters to Pepper. UPMAA_Nippur_02.05, 23-24. L-1254. HO]

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

225 West 99th Street,

TELEPHONE, HARLEM 197.

NEW YORK,

March 14 1892

Dear Dr. Pepper

Have just seen Dr. Ward. Not much use talking to him, for I think he feels Daniel to be a much abused saint; & he carefully refrains from any interference. I asked if he could tell me anything about D.'s proposed prices, & how he got at them. He knew nothing certainly, but said that D. had been in communication with the Metropolitan Museum, & with Harvard, & he supposed he gave the price (\$400.) which one of them was ready to offer. As to the discrepancy between the price, \$100., which D. gives as price paid, & \$52.80 which was the price he gave me in Baghdad, Dr. W. supposed it was cost of transports, customs &c., but did not know items. He suggested that you should write to Daniel asking him for some details as to original expenses, & also as to method of present appraisal, & was confident that D. would answer truly.

I doubt whether it is worth while. I think the things are worth more than \$250., & the best plan is to take them as quickly as possible, & wash our hands of him as quickly as possible.

Under the circumstances I think his demands with reference to his name &c. decidedly impudent. But in actual practice we should wish to use a mark designating the source of acquisition, & D. Z. N. would be the most convenient mark, so I think we had better use it, & just say to him that as his request regarding designation & credit of this collection accords with our regular use, it will be granted.

Yours sincerely
John P. Peters

[1892-10-05. Peters to Hilprecht. UPMAA_Nippur_02.05, 62-63. L-545. HO]

13. Vase left in Constantinople has three lines of Alu Sharshid.
Yours

Oct. 5/92

John P. Peters.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHÆOLOGY AND PALÆONTOLOGY.

JOHN P. PETERS, PH. D.

162 W. 105th St. New York

Dear Hilprecht.

1. Map progressing. First draft complete.
2. We have as an Expedition no photographs of Babil, as a whole or of Abu Habba. Wolfe expedition did that. Application should be made to Dr. Ward, or to Cesnola at Metropolitan Museum, as they hold the negatives.
3. I would label the Palmyrenes: "Tomb stones and mortuary bas-reliefs from Palmyra". Any decently educated person ought to understand the meaning of mortuary bas-reliefs.
4. Real lapis lazuli in case of Kadashman turgu's inscriptions. Only the axe fragments in glass imitation.
5. "Ivory ornaments for the hair (?). I think that was the use of this shape . Not adapted to kohl painting. But do not feel positive.
6. Babylonia shows no stone age à la [Brinton](#). As to the flint knives & saws, some of them were doubtless used for fire-lighters, as they are to this day. Some were arrowheads & lance tips, & cutting implements of stone were always in use. "Flint arrowheads and lance tips, fire lighters, knives &c. Many of these were doubtless used on the under surface of the thrashing machines, as in the Houran and other parts of Syria at the present day".
7. The shells were found all over, & only very little in the workman's shop. His material was better. "Magnesite, glass, lapis-lazuli, turquoise, agate &c. material objects, contents of a box in a booth before the Temple at time of King &c, &c. There I would put all those objects together, including even the large seal cylinder, the ivory knob &c.

8. As Jayne has persistently suppressed all my announcements of courses, I am afraid I shall not have many students.
9. Can you give brief summary of Sargon's inscription & Kadeshman-Turgu's?
10. Where is list for Haynes?

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