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Dear Mr. Burruss:

I thought I ought to send you the enclosed before you get the catalog too far on for any modification of forms.

I have been considering the advisability of asking for this leave of absence or of resigning altogether for some time; and if the granting of a leave of absence would involve any considerable difficulties in adjusting faculty positions I will resign outright so as to relieve you from any such trouble.

This suggests something else that I have been thinking of for some time. The department of history and social science has grown to such proportions (the list of sixteen courses in the catalog will justify such terms) that it might not be an imposition on the resources of the State to have two full teachers in this department. Accordingly, if you should engage someone to carry my work for next year it would be easy enough to retain him afterward by dividing the work of the department between two. For my part, I think I should prefer the social science group - civics, ethics, sociology, etc., with perhaps the methods courses - rather than the courses in formal history. I make this suggestion for what it may be worth.

I may say in this connection, and in connection with the enclosed paper, that I am rather proud of the record of the past ten years and feel that it is not unreasonable to ask for a leave of absence at the end of a period of this length.

In addition to the writing that I want to do, I hope also to do some studying and traveling. I feel that such work and especially the better acquaintance with other institutions of learning will be of value to me and my work here or elsewhere.

Yours very truly,

John Wayland