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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
CENSUS OFFICE,

WASHINGTON,
Oct. 3, 1889.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letters of May 10, and May 24, 1889, on the subject of local government, I beg to forward, for your perusal and criticism, drafts of certain schedules, etc., which it is proposed to send at an early date to the authorities of cities and large towns.

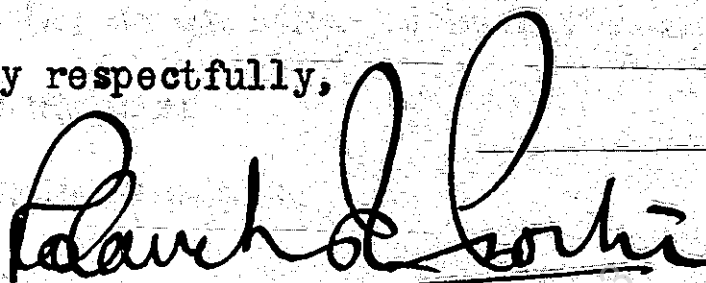
In view of the fact that you have made this subject a special study, and that in each of the letters above referred to you expressed a desire to do all in your power toward making an inquiry into the condition of local government and local finance reliable and complete, I take the liberty of asking for such suggestions as you may have to make on the general subject or concerning any of the details exhibited in the documents herewith inclosed.

The value of what you have already written is fully appreciated and it is believed that your experience and observation will enable you to point out possible defects and superfluities, and assist thereby materially in the preparation of a set of schedules which will answer all requirements and elicit the information desired.

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I shall be glad to have you make such suggestions and comments
as may occur to you, at as early a date as may be convenient.

Very respectfully,



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EXPLANATORY.

The schedule marked (A) shows items of Receipts classified by subjects, under four headings:

Ordinary Receipts.

Loans.

Sinking Funds.

Special Funds.

Returns for the past ten years are asked for in this schedule, and it is intended to issue, in June, 1890, a second schedule showing the actual financial revenue at the end of the fiscal year which immediately precedes the taking of the Eleventh Census.

The contents of these two schedules ought to make a complete showing from 1880, to 1890, and although it is more than likely that figures for the earlier years will not in every case be forthcoming, yet a vast amount of valuable information will be made available for Census purposes.

The second schedule marked (B) calls for details of expenditures, the tables being arranged on a similar plan to that used for receipts. The information under the general heading of expenditures is classified as follows:

Ordinary Receipts.

Debt.

Sinking Funds.

Special Funds.

A schedule of Interrogatories marked (C) will be submitted in a few days to the Mayor or other principal executive officer in cities and large towns. This schedule is subdivided as follows:

Organization.

System of Taxation.

Appropriations & Expenditures.

Indebtedness.