

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

CENSUS OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, 1890.

Dear Sir:-

Bearing in mind the interest you take in local government, and knowing well your desire that the Eleventh Census of the United States shall be complete and entirely creditable to those who have been entrusted with the management of its various divisions, I now send you copies of the schedules of receipts and expenditures, recently sent to all places having a population of 2500 and over in 1880, and to Counties. The County and Municipal schedules are alike in the matter of headings, spaces, and explanations. The only variation is in the use of the word County for Municipality. The special letter inclosed has been sent with the schedules, and the other letters inclosed for your information, will show the manner in which, and the sources from which, information is called for, under the various subject headings.

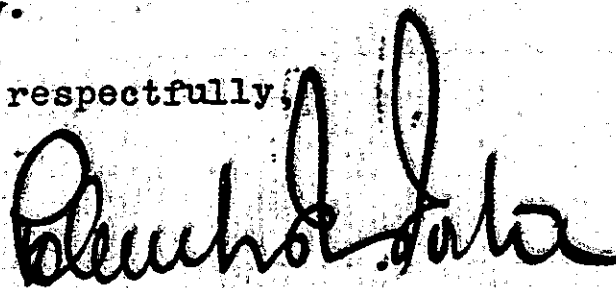
In your letter of October 7, 1889, you point out particularly the importance of Township and County government rules and regulations being fully ascertained and made known by comparison. Our work with Townships and Counties, in the Wealth, Debt and Tax-

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ation Division, is now being carried on vigorously. I would be glad to have from you, any time within the next thirty days, such practical suggestions, particularly with reference to Counties and Townships, as you may think fit to make.

In your letter of May 24, 1889, after referring to the necessity for a comparison of the cost of State government, et cetera, you mention that you could devise a set of blanks which, being addressed to specific officers, would bring in all the information. In the light of your special knowledge, such blanks concerning Counties and Townships would be very useful. Kindly write me on the subject again at your convenience, and if, when you do write, you think fit to inclose the blanks above referred to, your attention will be appreciated fully.

Very respectfully,



Superintendent of Census.

Mr. Albion W. Tourgee,

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New York.