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D.C. Gilman incoming letters (C.S. Peirce)

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U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Office,

Washington, D. C.,

July 25, 1885

Secy of J. S. U.

Dear Sir: The President of the U. S. has placed me in control of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. The Hon. Secretary of the Treasury has also detailed me as chairman of a Committee to investigate the management &c. of that bureau.

In furtherance of the purpose of these appointments, I find it necessary to inquire, when and how long was C. S. Pierce Esq. of this Bureau, a Professor in the Johns Hopkins University

and at what salary?

An immediate reply will  
greatly oblige

Very Respectfully Yours Truly,

F. M. Thorne,

1112 N. St. N.W.

Wash. D.C.

Lecturer	1879-84	1887-84
Salary	1879-81 - \$1500 -	1881-84 - \$2500



F. M. Thren

July 25, 1888

c  
Brown, W. H.

Johns Hopkins University,

Baltimore, Apr. 11 1879

LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE.

My dear Sir:-

I have just received a note from Lowdermilk Co., Washington booksellers, saying that among some books bought at a sale of unclaimed packages by the Adams Express Co., there were two with our label; and they give the titles. One of these is one of the books received for by Mr. Peirce, and the other I have suspected him of taking, though I had no evidence of it.

I have asked L. Co. what other booksellers were likely to have bought at the same sale. If I thought there was a reasonable probability of recovering our books, I would go on and to Washington.

This whole thing has been a thorn in my flesh for more than three years.

Very  
Wm. H. Brown

Pres. Gilman



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Pres. Gilman



U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY OFFICE,

Washington, May 4, 1887.

Prof. D. C. Gilman  
President Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore,  
Md.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 3<sup>d</sup> with enclosure from the Librarian of the University in relation to certain books belonging to the Library and charged against M. C. S. Peirce, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

As the boxes in this office referred to by the Librarian are presumed to contain Mr. Peirce's private property, I could not well direct them to be examined except by Mr. Peirce's authority.

I have however sent Mr. Peirce a copy of your letter and its enclosure and requested him



either to designate a time when he can be present with a representative of the University to examine the boxes, or to authorize this office to make such an examination without his presence, and I will notify you as soon as a reply is received from him.

Yours respectfully

J. M. Thorn

Superintendent



c  
Gilman, D.C.

To Judge Brown - May 12/07

I have conferred with Dr Browne,  
and we concur in thinking that it  
would be wise for the Trustees  
to accept Mr Peirce's offer to pay  
\$1000. for the books bought of  
him in January 1881. We have  
no authority to sell; but of course  
the Trustees can.

[signed] D. C. Gilman



On the return of other body  
study to our laboratory <sup>send out</sup>  
Add - 530 to amt paid  
~~for this year~~



—OFFICE OF—

JOHN L. MARKHAM,  
DEALER IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

In shipping Goods to me, please ALWAYS  
secure Bill of Lading with guaranteed rates of  
Freight, with the gross weight of each Box,  
Package, Bundle, or different class of goods  
entered on the same.

Durham, N. C.,

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1887

Pres. Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir,

Please let me trespass  
upon your valuable time for what you  
can say of the reliability and faithfulness  
of Mr. C. S. Peirce, 36 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York who gives instruction in the  
Art of Reasoning by mail formerly Lecturer  
upon the Logic of Science in Harvard  
& your institution. I am contemplating  
taking a course of instruction but  
would rather know something of  
the personal character and habits  
of my instructor. Yrs truly  
John L. Markham

ack  
June 2



Mr. P. has not been made yet

very nice - - -

Sheep from <sup>MS</sup> CS Wash - to be taken

to be made - - -



Brown, G.W.

Com. Pleas

May 26<sup>th</sup> /89

Dear Mr Gilman

I have read  
and return the memo-  
randum in regard to  
Mr Peirce's books.

I assent also to  
your suggestion to  
say to him that on the  
receipt of \$600. and the  
four books named which  
belong to the University Li-  
brary and with which  
he is charged, the collection  
of books bought from him  
Jan 7 /81 will be boxed



and shipped to his address

I think that this  
will be quite sufficient  
without my writing to  
Mr Peice as I intended  
to do

Yours  
very truly  
Edmund Brown

Per<sup>t</sup> Gilman



Belmont, DC

Memorandum May 25. 85  
Dec. 20, 1880. Mr. Peirce receipts for  
the sum of \$50. paid him for  
"a collection of books per list and  
agreement." Payment made Jan. 7. 1881.

Subsequently  
Mar. 4. 1881. He appears to have sold to  
the Chemical Library four volumes  
for \$25.

Dec. 31, 1881. He appears to have sold  
seventeen volumes for \$59.50

It is supposed that he now wishes  
to buy back the books of the last  
first named above.



Crowne

Johns Hopkins University,

Baltimore, May 23 1887

LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE.

My dear Sir: -

The books for which we hold  
Mr. Peirce's receipts, and which were  
not included in our purchase  
from him, are

Early Eng. Text Socy. Extra Series N<sup>o</sup> 16  
Gould. Universal Index  
Neville. Logique de l'hypothèse  
Schütz. Thomas-Lexikon.

The list of all the books received for  
by Mr. Peirce, and not returned by  
him, has already been furnished.

Very Respy.

W. Hand Crowne

Pres. Gilman



Memorandums  
re

C.S. Peirce

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May 25 }

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Letter to

Judge Brown

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<sup>c</sup>  
Browne, W. H.

Johns Hopkins University,

Baltimore, June 4 - 1887

LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE.

My dear Sir: -

After a search into that matter of Gould's Index, assisted by some clues that Mr. Peirce gave me, I find that it is not the book that I supposed it was, but a MS. note-book on miscellaneous subjects which came with the books he sent us. I am sorry first that it was put in by mistake, and am only sorry that he did not claim it, instead of taking it out and receiving for it.

I have written Mr. Peirce saying that I am sorry now that it is his property, and have expunged the memorandum, and in proof I send him his receipt.

Very truly,

W. H. and Browne

He admits that the Narville belongs to us.



Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, Md.

LIBRARY OFFICE

Prest. Gilman

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