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Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Md., March 1, 1904

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Dr. William Jasper Kerr, President Agr. Coll. Logan, U.

Dear Sir, Intending to move to Utah I saw our Secretary of Agriculture in Washington who suggested to me that I might possibly find employment with you, at one time or another. Mr. Wilson was for years one of the Regents of the State Univ. of Iowa, where I was professor of Modern Languages, and knows me well. I see that you are just now fully supplied with the help you need, but I hope I may without impropriety offer my services in case of an emergency later.

I am an expert in West European languages, chiefly French, German, Spanish, Italian, and at the same time familiar with history, political economy and allied branches, including agriculture. I recently published an elementary work on 'The Principles of Agriculture', a treatise on Professional Farming, which has been well received, and is used by the Iowa Reading Circle &c. Professor W. A. Henry, of the Wisconsin Agric. College, has examined it and recommends it as a useful book that should be in every farmers' library. It has been warmly recommended by many others.

I mention this only by the way to show you the trend of my thoughts and range of sympathies. As a mature man of long practical experience in the teaching line I do not stand as good chance to be employed as a younger man who lacks this experience. However, you may not share a wide-spread prejudice that makes people overlook exceptions. I claim, and my friends claim, that I am a rare exception. They praise my energy and skill, my physical and mental vigor and believe that I need only be known to be appreciated. I was born Oct 1. 1853.

I append a few testimonials. Professors A. M. Elliott, and Henry Wood of this University know me well as a scholar, so does the Secretary of Agriculture. These, as well as the written of the enclosed testimonials, will be glad to answer inquiries. Very respectfully,
A. M. Princeton, - Ph.D., Heidelberg - ~~Ph.D. Johns~~ Charles H. Eggert

I spent nearly three years in Salt Lake City - ten years ago. I used to know well Mr. McCombs, though only in the line of business. I saw only to Mr. Smith at the Desert Savings Bank.

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