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Mr. Victor S. Clark, Sub Director of Education.

Gentlemen:-

Public education being a question of deep concern to the stability and welfare of society, it is my desire to extend to the system here existing most thoughtful attention and care. Much has already been done in this important work, but no effort should be relaxed to improve, enlarge, and extend its great benefits and influence.

To secure a full understanding of the conditions and needs of this branch of administration, I have decided to seek the advice and counsel of a committee of professional educators, whose long experience and high standing in the community will be a guaranty of capacity and fitness for so important a charge. Your names having been submitted to me among others, I have been pleased to select you to constitute this committee.

Any suggestions you may feel disposed to submit, whether involving changes in the existing system, or additions thereto, or in details of administration, levying and collection of taxes for school purposes, salaries of teachers, provisions relating to intermediate and high schools, &c., will be gratefully received and meet with careful consideration. Should you desire to propose any changes in existing law, I would suggest that your recommendations be made specific and be presented in the exact form in which you would recommend its publication, if adopted.

If you find it convenient to enter upon the discharge of this patriotic and important duty, without compensation beyond the consciousness of having performed a high public duty, will you kindly signify to me your acceptance of the same at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Brigadier General, U. S. Vols.,  
Commanding.