September 13, 1879.

Dear Dr. Harper,

I received your letter a few days ago, in which you say you can not deliver the copy for the Koran till eight or ten months hence.

This was such a surprise and disappointment to me that I did not attempt to answer it till I could come to the city and consult the firm.

Unless we can make some other arrangement, this will prove a most serious embarrassment and injure the sale of the whole series.

The first series of forty volumes is rapidly approaching completion.
and, with all the speed we can make, the agents tell us that they could do better if we could deliver the successive volumes more rapidly.

We have made contracts that call for three volumes of Oriental literature in this series, and thus far we have not even one. If we had them, we could finish the series by Christmas, and greatly facilitate the sale.

In view of these circumstances, which we are compelled to face, will you not appoint or suggest to us some scholar who can prepare the three volumes that
we need — any three will do — and then put into the next series those which you wish to prepare yourself? The difficulty is very serious, and we can think of no other way out of it.

Yours faithfully,

Rossiter Johnson.
Handwritten text on the page.
June 17th, 1904.

Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons,

Gentlemen:

Your letter of June 6th has been received. In reply I would say: The work of the printers does not compare with the work of our own University Press in the point of accuracy; for example, quite frequently they employ the wrong font in cases where the usage has been established by repeated occurrence; they always make an awful botch of the Syriac so that it is sometimes necessary to correct it several times.

The material of the Commentary, as Dr. Briggs recognizes, is quite a little more technical than has been the case in any other volume of the series and this, of course, naturally causes more mistakes to occur on the part of the printer and ourselves.

We appreciate the fact that there are a good many changes, but the technical character of the work makes it necessary to secure the greatest possible accuracy. We will be very careful at the same time, but a large share of the corrections are due to the printers' errors.

Yours very truly,
June 17th, 1904

Dear Mr. Gage,

Reference to the letter of June 17th, 1904, I have now received. In

Reply, I would say: The work of the printers here is not connected with

the work of our own University Press in the point of occasion; for

example, during the summer they employ the work force in these where

the names have been established as necessary occupations; they may have need

as many parts of the system as it is sometimes necessary to

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The material of the Commentary, as of the present, requires

during a longer time to be in the hands of the author, and

not of the editor. As to the name, I think it will be necessary to

mention in the first place, and then come to the point of the

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the technical characteristic of the work which is necessary to receive the

attention of the public. We will be very careful of the same;

etrate.

Yours very truly,
New-York June 6, 1904.

W. R. Harper.

Dear Sir:

We enclose a query from the printer. We are now urging Cushing to complete work on this book.

We feel that we ought to call your attention again to the fact that the time charge for correction and alteration has already reached nearly $500. We suppose the corrections are necessary, but we would like to have a letter from you stating why so many alterations are required. Is it because the printers do not read your Mss. correctly, or are these changes alterations from original copy?

If the ratio of time charge continues, we will have to pay over $500 for alterations and corrections.

Pardon us for bringing this matter to your attention, but we feel that you agree with us that such many references are secured at second
a charge is not necessary, and could be avoided by revision of copy possibly.

Yours very truly,

Charles Scribner's Sons
J. W. Moore
June 14th, 1904.

My dear Mr. President:-

With reference to the accompanying letter I would say (1) That there is evidently some mistake in the mathematics. If the expense of alteration is already $500, evidently the sum total will be $1000 or more. (2) The work of their printers does not begin to compare with the work of our own University Press in the point of accuracy; for example, quite frequently they employ the wrong font in cases where the usage has been established by repeated occurrence; they always make an awful botch of the Syriac so that it is sometimes necessary to correct it several times.

(3) The material of the Commentary, as Dr. Briggs recognizes is quite a little more technical than has been the case in any other volume of the series and this, of course, naturally causes more mistakes to occur both on the part of the printer and ourselves.

(4) We are not altogether free from blame. We ought to have verified all the references to the literature and to the Scriptures before the thing was put in type. There are a good many mistakes in this sphere and mistakes are unavoidable where so many references are secured at second hand. I find that frequently an authority has been quoted from one of your predecessors as holding a certain view but upon referring to the authority himself it appears that he holds a view in some respect radically different from that which has been assigned to him.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
November 5th, 1904

Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons,
157 Fifth Ave., New York.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of November 2nd was duly received. There is not much more copy for the Introduction the larger part is being mailed you to-day. There will remain fifteen or twenty pages (printed) to come. I am sorry that the copy has not as satisfactory as you would like. As a matter of fact I had regarded it as on the whole very good copy, but I see that there is ground for division of opinion.

We are working on the plate corrections and some of them will be in your hands at once.

The copy for the indices will be typewritten. I am working constantly and I think more anxious than yourself to finish up this month.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that I desire to insert a map. This will not be an elaborate one, but a map which will show the world on Amos' time and particularly as Amos saw it. I do not think it need to be a colored map. I will send you very soon the copy for the same. This can be handled by photography.

There will also be a chronological table which will cover two
Your letter of November 29 was only recently received. Therefore, I am not much more capable of giving you information than you are. There will be a letter from my agent to you, as soon as he can. I am sorry that the copy I wrote is not to your liking. As a matter of fact, I had regarded it as on the whole very good copy, but I see that there is room for criticism of opinion.

We are working on the preface section and some of it will be done in your name at once. The copy for the Index will be typed as well. I am working constantly and I think more slowly open than your way of thinking.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that I have been interested in a map. This will not be an appropriate one, but a map which will show the March on Rome, and particularly the March on Rome. I will send you very soon the copy for the same. This can be handled by phototyping.

There will also be a topological figure which will cover two
pages to be plated.

The following is the makeup of the book as I have worked it out:

Pages 1-2, Half title
Page 3, Regular Title
Page 4, Copyright
Page 5, Dedication
Page 6, Blank
Page 7-10, Preface
Pages 11-12, Contents
Pages 13-14, Corrigenda
Pages 15-20, Principal Abbreviations
Pages 21-169, Introduction

Pages 1-417, Commentary
Pages 418-424, Sub-Index
Pages 425-429, Hebrew Index

This makes a total of 598 pages, a little more than Gray which has 541, or Driver who has 529. I have done my best to cut this down, and indeed am cutting out now about forty pages which I wanted to insert in the Introduction. The above does not include the map or the chart, each of which will take two pages, or perhaps better, two sheets.

Yours very truly,
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Page 21-25. Introduction
Page 26-30. Conclusion
Page 31-35. Index
Page 36-40. Appendix

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