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House of Representatives,

Committee on

Expenditures in the Interior Department,

Washington, D. C.

Mr. A. C. Pleydell,
 29 Broadway, New York City.

July 10, 1911.

Dear Mr. Pleydell:

Your letter of July 1st, after going to several addresses, has found me here. I do not share your views of what you call the "warfare" upon you and your friends. You aver that a more or less public attack is being made upon you by the Fels Fund Commission and you send me parts of two letters as in proof. Yet the very letters you quote are obviously private ones, and so far from being widely circulated, could not have been sent even to all the members of the advisory committee, since I myself did not get them and but for your action should probably not have known of their existence.

There are and long have been differences of opinion regarding Allan Ripley Foote. In discussing those differences our friends, accustomed to positive forms of expression, have at times shown great heat. These letters reveal high feeling now. But in such individual utterances I see no warrant for attacking the Fels Fund Commission, which is working for the great cause to which we all must devote our hearts and efforts.

Yours very truly



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