

May 4, 1939

Mr. John Anderson
1502 St. Catherine St. N.W.
Montreal, Canada

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I have worried more about this joint than any other of my two previous rather extensive business ventures. And when I wake up and ask why, I find it is a struggle for the privilege of keeping on with my worries and work--not a struggle for relief or release.

The fact is that in the last six years I have enjoyed life and have had better health; as never before. And the fact also is that in my humble judgment I have accomplished considerable, but more importantly, that I am on the eve of greater accomplishment.

To take the illusion out of this, I will say that that is principally in discovery of new and simple language to express Georgism or economics. I will enclose another "democracy" for you to check over on this. But I wish I could get out another edition now as I think ~~this~~ in the last six months I have developed considerable that is new.

I find also, that there is a very wide field in discussion amongst single taxers--even fundamentalists--of just what we are getting at and how is the best way. The notable example of this is Beckwith teaching that "rent" goes to make high prices. Cullman spent a couple of hundred dollars exploiting this idea thru Jorgenson.

The HGSSS is doing substantially the same thing in teaching that "rent" makes low wages. And altogether, it means that "rent" causes poverty. Now you know that rent is the measure of productivity of land; nothing said of its being a measure of monopoly. And you know that as a measure of productivity, it can neither lower wages, raise prices, nor create poverty. And that our whole philosophy relates to the monopoly phase of rent about which we are teaching nothing, except by inference, indirection and afterthought.

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With best wishes and hoping soon to hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

enc.

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Jim H.

CHAS. H. INGERSOLL
President

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JOHN ANDERSON

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MONTREAL, CANADA

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Dear Cha Ingersoll -

I have yours of 1st inst -
I sympathize with you for
the lack of funds must
seriously handicap your work -
Whether you carry on, or decide
to close up shop demands my
assistance - I wish I could send
you a worthwhile sum - but my
expenses at this end are quite heavy.
My converts of 3 years ago
are carrying on classes in
different parts of the city - it
in all with nearly 100 students.
Many of the students are unemployed
and I have been furnishing the
necessary books & pamphlets
as we have decided that where
we find a willingness to learn
poverty must not be allowed

to prevent the dissemination of Economic
truths. Unfortunately, being no
longer in business and without salary
my income is much smaller than
formerly - All the Enclosed is
in anyway for you see fit - and
later on I shall help you
again if needed - The main
thing is - don't worry - You and
I have done a fair share of
work - and are approaching the
End of the road. - I am happy
in the thought that I shall
leave behind several faithful
Souls who will carry on after
I am gone. Some of them will
do better work than I have done.

Hope you keep well.

Sincerely

Wm Anderson

March 1, 1939

Mr. John Anderson
1502 St. Catherine W.
Montreal, Canada

Dear John Anderson:-

My riddle of the sphinx is to try and reconcile my enthusiasm and amount of work I actually do, and what I have sacrificed financially, with the fact that I have so few friends like yourself to whom such an appeal as the enclosed would have any meaning.

Well, here's hoping and a part of the hope is that we may ~~have~~ cut out the worries.

With sincerest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

CHAS. H. INGERSOLL
President

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P.S. Yes, I have been too busy to answer your splendid letters back as far as October, or acknowledge your generous checks.

7637 Greenland Place, Roselawn
Cincinnati, Ohio
December 12, 1940

Mr. Chas. H. Ingersoll
1165 Broadway
New York City

Dear Mr. Ingersoll:

In this letter I wish to do at least three things.

First: to thank you for sending me regularly a copy of the leaflet "democracy".

Secondly: to say I appreciate the references made to me in the copy sent me sometime last summer.

Thirdly: to declare my keen interest in the National Single Tax Association which, I believe, is the outgrowth of the Manhattan Single Tax Club.

I believe there is real need for such an organization as the National Single Tax Association. We, in Cincinnati, have been groping for something of the sort for many years. We feel we should be linked with a group such as the Manhattan Single Tax Club.

Though we may not be constantly in motion, we ought to be, at least, a flickering flame.

Should this letter lead you to action Cincinnati-ward, my sincere and earnest wish is that you seek out some person - say, Mr. Charles G. Merrell or Mr. Ed Alexander - other than myself to take up the reins of leadership.

I think you, Mr. Ingersoll, are doing a magnificent piece of work in many directions. I salute you as a man valiant for the truth.

May I have the privilege to remain, with warmest greetings,

Cordially yours,

Michael Aaronsohn

Rabbi Michael Aaronsohn

May 25, 1939

Mr. John Anderson
1502 St. Catherine W.
Montreal, Canada

Dear John:

I am writing this to you four (see below) because you are the only ones available for "emergencies" apparently. Your last "help-out" was based on the alternative proposition of getting over the hurdle and going on, or if that was impossible, having a decent funeral--as Louis Post used to put it.

Well, it took the form of going on: other minor checks came along quite plentifully: I put up to my daughters the question of transportation: i.e. a car trade-in, which they are financing: this is fundamental to my broadcasting and especially to the lecture project.

However, there is always a shortage which not only keeps me doing what I hate--writing such letters as this--but has resulted in my secretary, whom I have been educating for three years, resigning and in my assisting her to her "security". This would, together with the fact that I have not been able to ^{put} very much concentration or expenditure into the lecture trip, indicates differing that until fall and taking up the main 1940 proposition.

In the meantime, I have readjusted myself to a sort of snuggling up, liquidating and reorganizing program for two or three months, in which I will discard some ambitions and pretty thoroughly handling everything here, preserving much valuable material by eliminating the "junk" and make as sure as possible of the next move being right--and probably not being "the curtain". Meantime, doing all my normal work of broadcasting, corresponding, thinking, and I hope getting out another "democracy".

There are no debts except a couple of months rent and a couple of weeks salary. I hope you will be disposed to repeat your generosity of several months ago. I think you will find it worthwhile.

The point is that I am personally "found" and all of my travelling and other expenses: and now at least \$10 a week will be cut off the office expense, leaving little more than the rent. While efficiency will be impaired and while this should be only a temporary condition, with your help the period of liquidation will be also one of reconstruction.

Hoping soon to hear from you, I am

(Duplicate sent to Messrs. Lingham, Neilson, and Southam.)

Sincerely yours,

CHAS. H. INGERSOLL
President

P.S. I am hoping to be allowed to assist in continuing Land and Freedom.

Anderson: this applies to you only in the matter of perhaps advancing monthly payments.

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JOHN ANDERSON
PRESIDENT

MONTREAL
CANADA

May 11th 39

Dear Char Ingensoll

Pardon delay in answering your 4th. I have just been crowded with one thing and another. You are right - Rent has nothing to do with wages, prices nor poverty - Rent (ground) paid to the public treasury has no effect on wages and prices - Every Georgist should know that - Our friends are getting their terms mixed, it is the taxation of industry - made necessary by the private appropriation of Rent, that reduces wages, + increases prices + poverty.

I feel you can do some useful work this year both from your lectures and another issue of "Democracy". I wish I could help you a lot - but can only moderate do so - I can afford to send you 10\$ a month for 6 mos - if that I will help - I have been contributing liberally to the work here and the demands from others are endless - I know it is like trying to bale out the ocean with a shovel. Nothing is being done to stop the 'evil'.

that is producing every increasing poverty & distress - all these charitable donations are of no more value than a plaster on a cancerous growth - the pain is relieved while the disease gets worse. I expect to have Victor Ruhl here 10 days Early July - and Gilbert Tucker will spend 3 or 4 days with us. I shall be very busy with them for 2 weeks. - I hope your other friends will stand by you in the work you are planning - If I can do any more later I shall gladly do so - Good luck

Yours
Montgomery

Mr. H. B. Anderson

January 4, 1959

Dear Anderson:-

Name of my friend, the optician, is Ruston,
81pp Avenue, at Journal Square, Jersey City, N.J.

I think it will pay you to go over to his
and mention my name. He won't give you such prices as he
had me, as he has practically donated my service: and if
you will let me know you are going, I will guarantee he
won't overcharge you, and he certainly won't fool you,
which is the important thing.

Sincere regards.

Yours truly,

1165 N'way.

CHAS. E. ROBBINS