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Scope and Content Information

Letters are chiefly concerned with Fiske's writing and publication, textual revisions, lecturing, and book reviewing. Specific works of his mentioned include: *Cosmic Philosophy*, *Discovery of America*, and *Unseen World*.

Fiske provides information about Governor John Culpeper; refers to restraints in his Houghton-Mifflin contract; and discusses Spinoza, mentioning books about him by James Martineau and Frederick Pollock.

Correspondents include Francis Jackson Garrison, J.B. Greenough, Wendell Phillips Garrison, S.S. McClure, George Pellew, Thomas Sergeant, William Henry Rideing, Charles Dudley Warner, J.G. Wilson, N.J. Bartlett & Co., and J.B. Millet Co.

The collection also contains photographs, autographs, personal checks and a Harvard library form.

Contents List

Letters

John Fiske to Rev. A. Blaewell 1872 Mar 31

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Refers to his article on Jesus for the *World*, to the *Modern Thinker*, and to his revision of the *Cosmic Philosophy*. Notes the decided antagonism to Positivism.

J. F. to [Thomas Sergeant ?] Perry 1881 Mar 29

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Note written in mock Biblical style, with "Perry" transliterated in Greek characters, and a musical notation substituted for word "see." Encourages Perry in an unspecified conflict.

J. F. to the Rev. A. J. Sullivan 1886 Jan 23

Extent ALS, 2 p.

Scope and Content

Mentions Prof. Smyth's articles in *Andover Rev[iew]*. Refers to Martineau's *A Study of Spinonza*(1882) and to Frederick Pollack's *Spinoza--His Life and Philosophy*(1880). Mentions his work on a history of the American people.

J. F. to [George] Pellew 1886 Dec 8

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Invites him to look over ms. along with "T. S. P."

J. F. to [William Henry] Rideing 1887 Aug 1

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Sends six copies for articles relating to Revolutionary War. Discusses price. Mentions \$40 per article.

J. F. to W. H. R. 1887 Aug 18

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Inquires after articles sent.

J. F. to [James Grant?] Wilson 1887 Sep 25

Extent ALS, 3 p.

Scope and Content

Has mailed proofs of [Thomas Jefferson] Jackson, Lafayette, and Lee articles. Discusses work on Lees and Madison. Mentions O. B. Frothingham.

J. F. to F. J. Garrison 1891 Oct 12

Extent ALS, 4 p.

Scope and Content

Discusses his writing, including *Discovery of America*.

J. F. to F. J. Garrison 1894 Feb 10

Extent ALS, 2 p.

Scope and Content

Needs to get facts on woman's suffrage, to make corrections to a new edition of a book on [civil government?].

J. F. to Charles Dudley Warner 1894 Feb 20

Extent ALS, 4 p., w/ env.

Scope and Content

Expresses interest in Parkman project. Thought Warner was Lester Ward, author of *Dynamic Sociology*.

J. F. to J. B. Millet Co. 1895 Oct 5

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Concerns changes in his copy of *Famous Composers*.

J. F. to Mr. Addison 1895 Oct 7

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Accepts dinner invitation.

J. F. to John 1896 Mar 29

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Admiration of John

J. F. to Mr. Riddle 1879 Jul 14

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Appreciates letter in praise of his work.

J. F. to Miss Wilkins 1900 Mar 31

Extent ALS, 2 p.

Scope and Content

Provides biographical information on Governor John Culpeper; mentions Appleton's *Cyclopaedia of American Biography*, Stephen's *Dictionary of National Biography*, and Doyle's *Peerage*. Mentions Williamsburg, Virginia.

J. F. to L. A. Whittier 1891 Sep 4

Extent APCS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Discusses textual revisions of unidentified work being printed by the Riverside Press.

J. F. to Samuel Sidney McClure 1892 Sep 24

Extent APCS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Contract to Houghton-Mifflin Co. precludes his writing for another.

J. F. to Samuel Sidney McClure 1894 Feb 19

Extent APCS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

Cannot write for magazines unless owned by Houghton-Mifflin.

J.F. to [printers?] n.d.

Extent ANS, n.d.

Scope and Content

Explains his proof-reading marks.

Miscellaneous

"Very truly yrs" n.d.

Extent Autograph

"Sincerely yours" n.d.

Extent Autograph

J. F. to 1890 Mar 3

Extent Quotation, 1 p.

Scope and Content

From *The American Revolution*, vol. ii, p. 84. W/ print of Jospeh Brant-Thayendanega, engraved by A. Dick, from a painting by G. Romney.

Receipt for gift to Harvard 1877 Oct 3

Extent Library form

Scope and Content

from Francis C. Lowell, signed by J. F., Assistant Librarian.

\$10 check from J. F. to Harold F. Fiske 1889 Oct 1

Extent Check

Scope and Content

on the Charles River National Bank

\$20 check for cash by J. F. 1987 Dec 28

Extent Check

Scope and Content

on the Cambridge Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

\$10 check by J. F. to W. H. Lucas, on the Cambridge Safe Deposit and Trust Co. 1899 Feb 13

Extent Check

Scope and Content

on the Cambridge Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

Prints

J. F., head and shoulders n.d.

Extent Engraving

Scope and Content

[Signed]