

7 September 1948

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Dear Sterling:

I am sending Mrs. Watson my AJA accounts and am closing my books as of 1 September. From that point on Wilson takes over and you will hear from him whenever it becomes necessary. Obviously he has authority to OK bills during my absence and perform such other official acts as I would do if I were here.

I have written Wade-Gery asking for another contribution for the Homeric monograph. I probably won't have an answer before I leave, and have given him various addresses abroad.

Perhaps a better solution for the new manuscripts that we are trying to get is to send them here to Wilson, who will prepare them for press, assuming that they are all right, unless some serious problem arises, in which case he will communicate with me. This thus cancels my previous suggestion that everything be sent to me before it goes to press. I will look up your list of prospects and send it to you.

This morning's mail brought letters from Sir John Myres and Alice Kober, Myres' greatly enthusiastic, Kober's enthusiasm tempered with the wisdom that comes with experience. As I believe I told you in my last letter, I suggested that Alice should be made responsible for editing the monograph, and wrote Myres to this effect. He is entirely in favor of it and is giving her sweeping authority to make such revisions as she believes necessary. Her letter makes it all too clear that she believes that extensive revisions will be needed. She will be bringing back the bulk of the material with her when she comes and Myres will send the rest as he has it ready: he is embodying several changes which I have suggested. Alice will be in touch with Wilson and between the two of them they will try to put the material into shape for the press, and, more specifically, into a condition in which an estimate can be obtained. I am asking them to report to you periodically on the state of the matter, and hope that you and your successor will see your way clear to going about the business of getting funds for publishing it.

This is probably the last letter that I will write you before I leave. It brings you all my good wishes for the remaining months of your presidency as well as for the early months of freedom which will follow.

Yours,

J.F.D. to Sterling Dow
7 September 1948.