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The Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture

Office of the Secretary and Treasurer
Room 710
328 Chestnut Street

Philadelphia, Febr. 11, 1913.

Hon. Philander C. Knox,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In conjunction with his Honor, Rudolph Blankenburg, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia,- I have the honor of inviting you to be the guest of the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture, at their one hundred and twenty-eighth anniversary.

It is hoped that you will make an address at the public meeting to be held under their auspices and with the patronage of his Honor the Mayor. The subject to be "Agricultural Financial Credit" - as studied by the present administration - and presented by you.

The Mayor and our Society feel that the subject is **apropos** in as much as delegates from the various States are to sail in April for a study of the Agricultural Credit Systems through the International Institute at Rome.

The agricultural interests of Pennsylvania require special effort to bring them to the front in as much as the ultimate dependence on agriculture of all citizens is apt to be overlooked in a State where mines and manufactures are so transcendantly dominant as is the case in Pennsylvania.

In any case the relations of a city to the country seems remote, and it is essential that the city dweller should be

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Philadelphia is also a great financial center and the drain from the rural banks to the city banks reacts to the distress of agriculture.

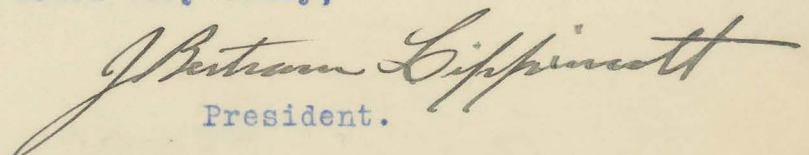
The awakening then of the City's men of finance, manufacturers, etc., is an important matter.

The Society is extremely desirous that you will find it convenient to explain the subject of Agricultural Credit Finance which President Taft has recently made an important feature of his administration and for which you are such a distinguished exponent.

The Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture through its President, by this letter and an official representative, Clarence Sears Kates, Esqr., extends to you a most cordial invitation to be their guest on the occasion of the anniversary of the oldest agricultural Society in the United States.

The date will be according to your selection, but we venture to suggest that it will be as near the last day of February as your calendar permits, to allow of the longest time for preparation and yet keep within the anniversary month.

Yours very truly,


President.