

February 25, 1931.

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Mr. R. V. Boyle
415 American National Bank Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

After your communication of February 20, 1931, relative to recommendation as to compilation of a new Oklahoma Statute.

In connection therewith I have to advise that I am not sufficiently informed on this matter to take any actual part or make any recommendation therein. However, if the Board of Governors desires to take the matter up at their meeting I shall be glad to sit in on such conference but until such time as I am better advised than I am now I decline to make any recommendation of any kind in respect thereto.

Yours respectfully,

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Mr. C. Guy Cutlip,
Cutlip Building,
Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Cutlip:

A couple of days ago I sent you, among a number of others, a circular letter, a copy of which is attached, regarding the proposed compilation of a new Oklahoma Statute. I also sent the same letter to Mr. Charles A. Dickson of Okmulgee, and today am in receipt of the following, which is a copy of his letter to Senator Blakely of his District, in response to my communication:

"I see that the Legislature is contemplating authorizing the compilation of a new code.

"I do not want to say anything unjust but candor compels me to state that in my opinion the Harlow Publishing Co. is not fit to do this work. Such publications which they have, I think, are wretchedly put together and inaccurate in many respects. On the other hand, the Bobbs-Merrill Company does excellent work in the publication of law books and legal digests.

"This is a matter which requires not only experience but an adequate staff and a plant capable to handle such work. To be frank there is no comparison between the work of these two companies. Our present code is fairly well put together but I do not think in proper order. It contains a wholly insufficient and insignificant index. The index, in a sense, is the most important part of the work and should be done in such way that anyone, especially a lawyer, can find therein a reference to any statute for which he may be searching and find it at once.

"I hope that the Legislature will give this contract to the Bobbs-Merrill Company, but whoever gets it should have the work thoroughly checked and supervised before printing."

This letter of Mr. Dickson's expresses, in my opinion, the ideas of at least 80% of the lawyers of the state were the matter to be submitted to them for a decision. In a matter

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of this kind Mr. Dickson thinks it the duty of the Board of Governors under the law creating the same to take an active interest, citing Sections 21 and 23 of the State Bar Act in Session Laws of 1929.

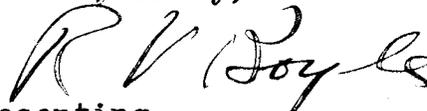
Of course, nothing more vitally concerns the welfare and business of the lawyer and court than a complete and accurate compilation of the statutory law thoroughly annotated, minutely indexed and as perfectly made mechanically as possible.

It is Mr. Dickson's thought that the Board of Governors should at least have the opportunity of making suggestions in a matter which so closely concerns the lawyers of the state, and he suggests that the members of the Board request the Senate Committee, now having the bill lodged with them, to defer any further action until after your meeting on February 27th and 28th. Certainly, as he suggested, no harm can be done by delaying consideration for three or four days and the Board of Governors can, at their meeting, determine whether or not they desire to take any action or make any suggestions.

A wire to Senator Tom Anglin, Chairman of the Committee, suggesting a few days' delay, would no doubt be all that is necessary.

While my company and I are interested in this matter, having a proposition before the Legislature, we also want to assure you and the Board of Governors that if after making an investigation you think the Harlow Company can make you a better Statute, we want you to accept their proposition.

Yours very truly,



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The Legislature is now considering the matter of authorizing a new 1931 Compiled and Annotated Oklahoma Statute. The proposals of only two companies are being considered, those of The Bobbs-Merrill Company and of The Harlow Publishing Company. One of these companies will be authorized to do the work. You are familiar with the books published by these two companies and in that way can judge which one is the better equipped and qualified. Each has made the identical proposition as to price, that is \$20.00 per set to the individual. The chief difference will be in the Editorial work of Compiling, Annotating and Indexing and the mechanical work of printing and binding.

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As an Oklahoma lawyer, you will have to use the Statute authorized at this session for the next ten years and you are, of course, interested in the kind of work that will be done on it. If you think the experience, skill, equipment and reputation of The Bobbs-Merrill Company gained by over 50 years of making high class books will produce a better Oklahoma Statute, won't you please write or wire your Representative and Senator to this effect. You will have to act at once as this matter will be settled in the next two or three days.

Yours very truly,



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Your Senator on the Code Committee handling this matter is,
and your Representative is, _____, to whom letters
or wires should be addressed, Capitol Building, Oklahoma City.