

December 5, 1929.

Mr. Martin Abernathy,
Claremont, California.

Dear Mr. Abernathy:

Thanks for your good letter of November 29.
I shall write to Reverend Petter as you suggest, mentioning
your name. I have no doubt he can help me.

Have you ever considered publishing your recollections of the Indian trade? I am sure you would add something to history if you wrote something like "Dobe Days" about your experiences. It is quite possible that the University Press here might be interested in publishing such a book and so far as I know nothing of the kind is in print. If you care to do it I shall be glad to take the matter up when your manuscript is ready. The best way to prepare such a volume, in my experience, is to get some sympathetic listener in for an hour or so every evening and talk to him while an unobtrusive stenographer sits in the background and takes down every word. In this way without much effort you can get your materials together in a short time, then with a little weeding-out and rearrangement you have a very interesting book. Your knowledge of the Indians and other early characters in Oklahoma certainly should not be lost and a few evenings spent in the manner I suggested would preserve them for the benefit of the state. I edited the recollections of John H. Segar, Indian Agent at Colony. I have asked the University to send you a copy gratis. Let me know how you like it.

Cordially yours,

W. S. CAMPBELL.