

South Egremont, Mass.,

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Prof. Harry Gunnison Brown,  
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Dear Professor Brown:

I have recently read your book "The Economic Basis of Tax Reform" and think it is excellent - in fact one of the best ever written on the subject. I am an enthusiastic student of Henry George, and am just organizing an extension class at the Henry George School of Social Science to study "Progress and Poverty". We will certainly refer to your book frequently.

I am wondering if it is at all possible to get copies of your other books, "The Economics of Taxation" and "Economic Science and the Social Welfare". They are not available in any local libraries and seem to be out of print now.

A new state law has been passed in this state requiring high schools to offer a course in economics beginning next year. I do not know if it is to be a compulsory course. At any rate, I stopped in at the local high school to interview the principal about it and found that the school is given its choice of textbooks and will choose one from some salesman who comes around now and then!

Is there any textbook you would have me recommend - that is, any with anywhere near the correct principles? When I went to high school I took a course in this subject and the text used roundly condemned the "Single Tax". I think the author's name was Burch.

To the best of my personal knowledge there is no suitable text written by a Georgist but I may be mistaken, of course. I think you are the obvious one to write such a book. Why don't you do it?

I am a professional aviator (educated as a mechanical engineer) and have stopped in at the Columbia airport several times in the past for gasoline, weather etc. Next time I shall certainly call on you.

Yours very truly,

John M. Miller.