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Mr. George Collins
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Dear George:

No doubt you have heard from Jack Tetley about the "Consultation" which he has initiated, among all "Henry George Groups," to meet in Pittsburgh in June. I hope very much you and others from Philadelphia will be able to attend. A point which I am anxious to consult on is the legitimacy of teaching political science and the history of political and legislative tactics in the Georgist movement, in a tax-exempt educational institution; also encouraging both students and graduates to join whatever action group exists, such as the Graded Tax League, -- or to form one. Still another would be research. And that is what the enclosed copy of a letter from Perry Prentice deals with. I do hope you can take it very seriously, because Perry does things and starts others to doing them.

A surprising accomplishment is his securing a new ally--the "Concerned Taxpayers"--who we have usually found in this end of the state to be concerned only with cutting taxes by any means, fair or foul. But as Perry's shrewd strategy points out, the long-committed groups such as the Georgists, as well as the cities of Pittsburgh and Scranton, are likely to be discounted by the politicians. But Philadelphia is another matter, (as well as the other cities where we have workers, notably Erie, and to whom we are sending similar letters) Perhaps you can send him a brief early letter telling him what else you may hope to add, but giving the present probable true market value of ~~land~~ and buildings, as well as the assessed values and tax rate.

With best wishes,

John Weaver