

Mem. made at Philad^a by J. M. Read Jr.

April 25th 1866.

W. John Pennington's Statement
upon the authority of
Mr. Peter Force

After a thorough examination of Biddle's
Cabot, Mr. Force suspected that the text was
often quoted without the context. Having gradually
perused himself of the books quoted by Mr. Biddle,
he fully ascertained the truth of what he had at
first only suspected. He then wrote fully to
Mr. Biddle acquainting him ~~fully~~ with the result
of his researches - whereupon Mr. Biddle called in

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John Pennington

Deputy Secretary of War

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of land for the use of the military department. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very respectfully,
 John Pennington

all the copies moved in the hands of his
publishers ^{and from} all other quarters. These were
deposited in his house and totally destroyed
in the great conflagration at Pittsburgh about
the year 1842 or 3.

The English edition which was issued
simultaneously with the American was of course
beyond Mr. Biddle's reach, and copies fre-
quently got over here.

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