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## LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

*Washington, D. C., January 10, 1883.*

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, July 1, 1882, I transmit herewith for the use of the Senate a copy of the report of the committee of the National Academy of Sciences upon the subject of Sorghum Sugar. I deem it proper to state in this connection that I have been unable to comply with the direction of the Senate at an earlier date on account of delay in transmitting the report of the Academy to this Department, which was not received until November 15, 1882; and a communication from the Acting President of the Academy, dated December 23, 1882, which forms a part of the report. The preparations of the voluminous manuscript copy of the report has moreover required a considerable length of time, and the illustrations required by the Academy for the report are just now received, having been supplied to this Department on the 8th instant.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. B. LORING,

*Commissioner of Agriculture.*

Hon. DAVID DAVIS,

*President of the Senate of the United States.*

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YALE COLLEGE, NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

*November 13, 1882.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a report on the sorghum-sugar industry, made by a Committee of the National Academy of Sciences, in accordance with the request contained in your communication of January 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

O. C. MARSH,

*Acting President of the National Academy of Sciences.*

Hon. GEORGE B. LORING,

*United States Commissioner of Agriculture.*

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

November 1, 1882.

SIR: Herewith I have the honor to hand to you the report of a committee appointed by the late President Rogers, at the request of the Hon. George B. Loring, United States Commissioner of Agriculture, of date January 30, 1882, for the "scientific investigation of the sorghum question."

The scientific relations of this question are so intimately interwoven with the economic that the two cannot well be considered separately. The Committee were, therefore, glad to learn from a subsequent communication, dated March 24, 1882, from the honorable Commissioner, that "he regarded the investigation of the economic value of sorghum to the sugar manufacturer the point especially interesting to his Department."

Both sides of the sorghum question are, therefore, considered in the report.

Respectfully, yours,

B. SILLIMAN,

*Chairman, &c.*

Prof. O. C. MAESH,

*Acting President of the National Academy of Sciences.*

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