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M E S S A G E

TO [Professor David L. Smiley
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SUBJECT LION OF WHITEHALL

DATE 1 August 1969

Dear Mr. Smiley: We have had correspondence with the University of Wisconsin Press concerning your book, LION OF WHITEHALL. We expressed interest in possibly doing a small edition of the book, if satisfactory terms could be worked out. Our last correspondence was in May; in to-day's mail we received a letter telling us that they had failed to tell us that all rights in the book had been assigned to you. // We are a small regional publisher. We have published four books to date: HISTORIC KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON DURING THE CIVIL WAR, COLLINS HISTORY OF KENTUCKY, WILD RIDERS OF THE FIRST KENTUCKY CAVALRY (to be published this month), and THE KENTUCKY. We plan to do a book in the next 60 days on Kentucky duels, at which time we plan to do our first catalogue. // We will be pleased to hear from you.

BY *H. Joseph Houlihan*
H. Joseph Houlihan

R E P L Y

DATE August 4, 1969

Dear Mr. Houlihan: I regret that the University of Wisconsin Press did not tell you, as I told them, that I have taken money from Peter Smith for a reprint edition of Lion of White Hall. I have just returned to the country from a year as Fulbright lecturer at the University of Strasbourg, France, which explains the delay in my response to Mr. Webb's letter to me of May 9 last. When I arrived here I found his letter and I answered it immediately, for he was trying to sell you something which he did not own.

Nor can I enter into any agreement with you. But if for some reason Peter Smith breaks the contract I shall be happy to get in touch with you.

Thank you very much for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

D. L. Smiley
David L. Smiley.

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