

CORRESPONDENCE.

The subject to which the following correspondence has reference is coming up in so many forms, that this brief preliminary *résumé* is put in type as a means (1) of giving some of the facts known at the present stage of the inquiry, and (2) of affording an opportunity to submit them for the opinion and suggestions of numerous persons interested in the subject.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, November 13, 1877.

SIR: I understand that as representative of the Department of the Interior at the International Exhibition of 1876 you were able to collect much valuable information relative to the Indians, including that of their enumeration at various dates.

If you have the data, I will esteem it a favor if you will furnish me with such enumeration at the various decades from 1790 to the present time.

This information is just now needed for official purposes, and if received will save the time and trouble of my clerks, and thus aid in the dispatch of public business.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. A. HAYT,
Commissioner.

Hon. JOHN EATON,
*Commissioner of Education,
Representative of the Department of the Interior
at the International Exhibition of 1876.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF EDUCATION,
Washington, D. C., November 14, 1877.

SIR: I have the honor hereby to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 13th instant, requesting, in order to aid in the dispatch of public business and save your clerks the time and trouble of repeating an investigation already made elsewhere, that you be furnished with information respecting the number of Indians "at the various decades from 1790 to the present time," as it appears in the historical view of Indian administration prepared in connection with the Centennial Exhibition.

In reply, I have the honor to state that in preparing this outline of history, as required in connection with the catalogue and description of the exhibition, it was not originally intended to consider especially the question of numbers at different dates, but points in reference to eu-