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Mr. Harral Ayres
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Dear Sir:

Your letter to the University of Louisiana was turned over to me yesterday.

Just at present I am so pressed with work that I can answer your questions about the origin of certain place-names only so far as my memory serves me. When I have more leisure I will make an effort to solve the origin of the other names for you.

Here is the origin of some of your names:

Tallahassee: Creek Indian for "Old Town."

Apalachicola: Choctaw for "Allies, " "Friendly People."

Choctawhatchee: Indian for "Choctaw River."

Pensacola: Choctaw for "Hair People."

Mobile: Indian for "Rowers," "Paddlers."

Pascagoula: Indian for "Bread People."

Biloxi: Indian for "The People."

Rigolets: "Straits," "Water channels." French.

Chef Menteur: "Lying Chief." *French.*

Mississippi: Algonquian for "Big Water."

Butte: French for "Bluff," "Hill," etc."

Des Allemands: "The Germans." French. *Bayou des Allemands*

La Fourche: "The Fork." French. *The streams form a fork.*

Houma: Indian for "Red."

Boeuf: "Buffalo." French.

Atchafalaya: Indian for "Long River."

*see La Fourche
Book of Rivers
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