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Dear Sir

Your kind favor of the 2^d reaches me just as I am preparing to leave town and I am therefore only able to give to your inquiries a hurried reply.

The word "prairies" on page 360 is used in the sense of "meadow", that is, meadow land belonging to a farm, any part of which is under culture, is reported as improved.

I could have made the classification a little more clear perhaps if I had quoted the instructions given to the Marshals who took the Census of 1850. Sched 4 2-3. as you may not have them at hand I will append the pertinent passages to this note. These give all the information I had on the subject.

Your question presents but one of many difficulties I have encountered in trying to understand our census returns, and one