

Smithsonian Institution

Washington July 19th 1882.

Answered
July 26th 1882

President Moss,

Dear Friend,

I have received a pretty loud "call" to the Chair of Natural History in the State Industrial Univ. of Illinois. I have declined the offer, in the shape in which it was put, but have also indicated to Pres. Peabody, terms which I would be willing to accept. I do not think that his Board will be willing to meet those terms, but it think it due to you to keep you informed.

If I should leave the Indiana

University, which is not likely to be the case, it would be with the warmest feelings toward the Institution its faculty, and especially its President.

If I accept the position at Urbana, I shall be glad to give you the fullest information concerning other teachers of Natural History, that you may have no difficulty in filling the vacancy. The matter will be settled, one way or the other, within a week, I am -

Very cordially yours,
David J. Jordan.