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Heart. of. the. Adirondacks.

P. O. ADDRESS,
CASCADEVILLE, ESSEX CO.,
N. Y.

Adirondack Lodge, July 14 1884.

Dear Dr. Moss.

The bill requiring the U.S. Nat. Museum and Fish Comm. to make an exhibit at New Orleans has passed and it is Professor Baird's desire to exhibit there - and afterwards to retain in Washington, in a separate series, a specimen of every Vertebrate known in North America.

I am asked to ^{select and} procure the set of fresh water fishes. This will require extensive explorations - in Dakota, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas etc, to supplement the series already in Washington. Mr. Gilbert is to ^{act} accept as assistant, and I main. Mech. Goss and others may be needed in August.

I have accepted this position, and shall begin the work, August 1st. It will be impossible to

finish the work before November.

I would therefore formally ask you for a leave of absence for that part of the fall term necessary to complete the work. As you are aware, I have in the fall term, only the elective classes ^{in Zoology}, and I will arrange for them. The advantage to the University is in the "glory" of it, and more directly, that I am allowed to collect a similar "set" for the Indiana University, provided they make concessions which will enable you (me) to give your (my) time in the fall ~~for~~ this work."

In accepting, I have of course assumed the readiness of the Univ. to make these "concessions", as it will gain much at no cost except that of my personal absence.

Mr. Gilbert has a "call" to Prof. Adler's school in N.Y. City, at \$12 to \$14.00. I do not know whether he will care to accept. I have also a tentative offer of \$2250 from Cincinnati Univ. but prefer my

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present place for its fishing
privileges.

I have a very pleasant company,
and we are having a very
enjoyable time in the "Heart of
the Adirondacks".

Yours very cordially,

David J. Jordan.

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