

114 University Avenue.

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Pres. J. S. Jordan,

Dear Sir:- Yours of the 4th inst
is at hand- I have already telegraphed
to you, but I wish to state more
minutely the facts as they seem to me.

I am of the opinion that should ~~you~~
the work for the present year be
arranged so that I could have a leave
of absence for one year (Sept '92.) I
would be vastly better prepared; and in
the course of two years work, ^{there}, would
be able to put the Department in far
better trim than should I start
in Jan 1st '92.

I urge you to
consider this point very seriously - & for
this reason. The advanced work or
courses I would offer there, would be

hand on the lectures of the Second
 and Third terms, as offered by Prof.
 Williams ~~and~~. The advanced lectures
 which he expects to give next year
 first term I have already had - this (3rd)
 term - Hence the Reason why I am
 unusually anxious to Remain for his
 special lectures + Lab. work of Second
 + Third terms of coming year - His
 method of Treatment is new - and will
 in time I believe ^{will} be the one universally
 adopted - Now if it is the object of the
 University Authorities to form a strong
 Department it must be done by
 offering advanced courses which shall
 follow naturally, the elementary work - To
 achieve this ~~it~~ seems to me that I
 ought and Really must have the
 change for this advanced work
 referred to - Hence I wish you would
 consider this point very thoroughly - and
 if at possible to give me one more year
 at Cornell - Then I feel assured I am
 Ready to do my best for your interests

If it should be absolutely impossible for you to do this, I would Rather than lose the opportunity accept for Jan-
 1st - : But on no other consideration I have just received a letter from Dr Coulter who wishes to know if I would not compromise in the way suggested by you - As he says that ^{he} is "going to Recommend my appointment even with the understanding that I will not enter upon the work for one year" I take it, that he has some scheme at hand by which the work can be carried on for one year - Hoping you may recognize the great advantages to be gained not only by myself but, as I am feel sure, by the Geol. Dep, at your University - Should I be granted this favour -

I remain yours very truly

V. F. Masters

P.S. The complication occurs to me -

Should you be compelled to appoint

me to begin work Jan 1st, do I

understand you to say that you offer Sal.

at the Rate of \$1200 per year - which

for the two terms would make ~~more~~ \$2400?

Now Should Prof Williams be unable

to find a substitute to take my place

here at Jan 1st I would be compelled

to Resign my position at Cornell in

order that he might find a man to

do the year's work. In that case, I

would feel that I should have \$1200 ^{or salary}

with the first term for preparations

(or as a leave of absence if you wish

to put it in that form)

V. F. M.