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J. H. University,
Baltimore, Feb. 20, 1886.

David S. Jordan,
President, Indiana University,
Dear Sir:

Upon considering the facts stated in your letter of the 19th ult., I would be pleased if you would regard me a candidate for your Chair of Physics, provided the election be in June.

As to an election for 1887 I could say nothing at present. The position I now hold I do not wish to retain beyond June. As to salary I am willing to accept \$2000 the first year with the understanding that, if my retention is desired, I shall receive an increase of say \$100 each

year until the salary reaches \$2500.
The alternative position in Washington
of which I made mention would
give me about the same salary.
The additional advantages in tenure
and half-pay of that position I prefer
to forego for the more agreeable field
of labor which I think your University
offers.

The retention of Mr. Naylor as
Associate in Physics and Mathematics
seems to me a very desirable thing.
I mean to say that the teaching of
Mathematics in part by one who
has Physical ideas is most desirable.
If, as I should hope, the physical
students could be given a good
amount of elementary laboratory
work I don't think Mr. Naylor would
want for work if a professor of
Physics were at hand next year.

Show apparatus is of
course a waste of money and

the fact that working apparatus
has not as yet been largely
purchased is a not undesirable
feature if a reasonable sum is
at hand with which to purchase.

I judge that in this country we
can obtain apparatus better and
cheaper each succeeding year.

Very truly yours,
Park Morill.