

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of Indiana University

It will probably be remembered that, when I was elected to take charge of the Dept. of Physics in the University, it was done with the understanding that, at some future time, I should have leave of absence for a year's study. In fact, it was, in some sense, an implied condition of my election. I have been anticipating much good from this year of study, and believe the sooner I get it the better it will be for my work here and myself. I would therefore respectfully ask leave of absence for next year.

During the past year, I have tried to so arrange matters that, if I should be allowed leave of absence for next year, I could go with the least detriment to the work here. By doubling work this year with those who would have had advanced work next year, there will only be the elementary work to care for next year; and that can well be left in the hands of Mr. Foley the Assistant this year. As he will have the whole responsibility of the work, I would like to ask for him, for the one year, a salary of \$1000. He has already had an offer of a Superintendency, with a permanent position, at eleven hundred, but will stay here one year for one hundred dollars less.

Respectfully submitted

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J. P. Taylor.

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