

Davenport May 8th 1884

Dear Dr Gray

The enclosed letter just rec'd from Mr Shaw indicates a continued willingness on his part to be guided by your advice. And I still hope you may be able to meet Mr Shaw at St Louis and arrange matters more definitely.

I'm of course understand that as far as I am personally concerned. a delay such as he speaks of would be just what I would wish. or as will be turned back from my European visit. If I can only have the assurance that on my return I can secure a suitable situation as Curator. I would chearfullly leave all details for you & Mr Shaw to arrange. more especially as you know not only my qualifications but also my deficiencies. I have specified in my suggestions to be allowed leave of absence for summer months or its equivalent. to be devoted to field work or other duties connected with the position. This would be important for me. So that I shall still hope that some satisfactory arrangements could be made. perhaps as well also that I should not go down. as you know full my vices

We are expecting our to leave next Wednesday
14th inst & go Direct to New York

In the mean time you will excuse me of your
movements. I shall expect to go in to Cambridge
latter part of the month. if you should happen
to be away I must do the best I can with
Mr Watson &c

Very truly yours

C.C. Parry



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