

Asa Gray. M.D.

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that the President & Fellows of Harvard University elect you, on the 30th ult^o, Fisher Professor of Natural History, in that institution.

My letter of the 26th of March last, expresses the terms, on which your acceptance of this Professorship, are understood to be based. A Committee of the Corporation has been appointed to prepare rules and regulations of the Professorship, which, before being finally adopted, will be transmitted for your supervision; after they shall be informed of your acceptance of the office.

As to the time of commencing your services, it will, ^{be} probably left to your convenience. Our Senior Class, is now engaged in the study of botany, under an instructor engaged previously to your election; and it may not be necessary, perhaps not expedient, to transfer them. Your salary will commence with your services. By the Constitution of the University, every election of a Professor, or other permanent instructor must be presented to the Board of Overseers, for their final approval. But this Board sitting only in January, these offices are filled, and accepted, their duties entered upon and compensation

paid, in the full confidence, that no other consideration ever interferes with their approval except, unquestionably inadequacy or moral delinquency. A confidence, which the Board of Overseers, constituted of some of ^{the} highest minds & influences in our state has never yet disappointed.

With very great respect

I am yours &c &c

Cambridge 4. May. 1842

Josiah Quincy



Paris (C. H. C.)

1874

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city of
New York





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