

March 12th 1947.

My dear Ron.

How nice to have your letter. I now enclose a statement from Lloyd's Bank, Cambridge, making it possible for you to sign and endorse cheques for the Genetical Society - as you have been so kind as to look after the finances until Catcheside's return. My original letter to the Manager had of course to go to both Secretaries for signature.

Yes, I wonder if, as you suggest, this is the explanation of Haldane's most extraordinary behaviour in not being prepared to sign Race's Certificate - that he thinks it might reduce Penrose's chances. As you rightly say, there ought to be room for both. But, to be frank, I personally am inclined to back Race as the better man. There was at one time much promise in Penrose's work, and I have a feeling that it has not quite come off.

Branfey is fully prepared to take our photographs. The trouble is that he, like most British photographers in this country, has no

Kodachrome. So I am trying to arrange for him to
have a little for this purpose from Adfronts
(who do the plates for the New Naturalist Series).
He is taking photographs for them at present -
(including my new Mott book), but the supplies
of Kodachrome are set-aside for this specific
purpose. I don't think there will be any
difficulty.

Right, I will send the paper and
map straight in to Darlington, but I remember
he said that it would not be needed for the
printers till early April.

Two small adjustments should, I
think, be made.

(1). When I described the moths,
the possibility of a Colored Plate had not
arisen. I had supposed the pictures would be black-
and-white, so I have described all the colors
in detail. This is now perfectly unnecessary
and should, I think, be cut out.

(2) There is a passage in your Section in which "factor" is used in two senses in the same sentence (a thing I find I am often doing). The passage (p. 41) is: "Those evolutionists who find it difficult to attach any great evolutionary significance to this factor, have urged that the normal segregation of all factors in each generation ----". The first "factor" refers to non-adaptive changes in small populations, mentioned in the previous sentence: do you think it worth while to substitute for it "to such chance effects" (or tends to that effect)?

Since writing the above, I have rung you up and now have the great pleasure of looking forward to seeing you on Saturday. Thank you so much for your very kind invitation. My train (the first available from Oxford) is due at 2.0, but it might quite easily be exceedingly late - even an hour or two - if this weather

continues. So, unless I hear to the contrary from you, I will on arrival drop my things at Cairns and come on to Storey's Bay. That would save you from waiting perhaps a very long time at the station; for I remember that, in your kindness, you have usually met me.

I look forward so much to seeing you next Saturday.

Yours truly,
Henry J.