

DEPARTMENT OF
ZOOLOGY AND COMPARATIVE ANATOMY,
UNIVERSITY MUSEUM, OXFORD.

Friday.

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My dear Fisher,

giving the matter careful consideration, I am inclined to think I ought not to accept a whole-time research post-while, for the present, I am bound to be so much an absentee. It would be particularly difficult, and I should never feel I was being fair about it, when in your great kindness you were draining the Department rather dry in order to keep me. Had I come I made up my mind when we were talking that it should be at £700, for I would not have allowed you squeeze the resources so hard as to raise it to £750, which in your generosity you suggested. I know it would have cramped you.

I have had a long talk with

Goodrich and he has pressed me incessantly to stay
and I think at present I ought to. I feel
in a sense I am letting you down after all
you have done to get me, and I do most
deeply appreciate your desire to have me - a
thing I shall always remember.

But I trust you will give me the
great pleasure of helping with the Genetics in the
Department whenever there is a time I could be
of use (and it is a subject in which there are
rush periods). In vacations I could stay a
night or two some times, and put in several
days at the job when needed.

Thank you again my dear Fisher for
all you have done for me.

Yours sincerely,
E. B. Ford