

5th. October 1949.

Dear Mourant,

Thanks for your letter on blood groups in Egypt, with the paper, which I should certainly like to publish in Heredity. Of course, I do not for a moment believe what you say in the first sentence. Surely the largest movements out of Africa have been slave trade movements from the west coast to Brazil and the United States, and from the east coast to Iraq and south Asia. This is not to deny a constant stream of Sudanese slaves to Egypt. However, this is quite irrelevant to the purpose of your paper, though it implies that it starts with an irrelevant sentence.

In Table 2 the expectations would be more convincing if they added to check with the observed totals for M_A , M_B and M_C , ignoring S . I do think also that the expected should be expressed in persons, and that a comparison of expected with observed relative frequencies is quite uninformative. Probably on page 2, where you speak of the method of calculation of gene frequencies, it would be worth while saying that the methods are adopted as expeditious, though known not to be fully efficient. The tables do, however, definitely disappoint the hope of finding

*Mourant's letter sent to Darlik, with the paper.
Large diagram sent to Darlik separately.*

expected phenotype frequencies, for only relative frequencies are given.

I am setting out to Burlington at once. You will have time to take up any of these points with us before publication will be possible.

Yours sincerely,