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October 12, 1907.

Charles Francis Adams, Esq.,  
Chairman of the Visiting Committee on the  
Course of Instruction in Forestry, of Harvard College,  
No. 23, Court Street,  
Boston.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

As a result of our visit to Petersham and our subsequent conversations, I make this offer, through your committee, to the President and Corporation of Harvard College:

To donate the sum of \$55,000 for the purchase of a tract of woodland to be used by the University as a forestry reservation, this tract being the 1788 acres of woodland in Petersham, Mass., now owned by Mr. J. W. Brooks.

To donate the additional sum of \$5000 to be used toward the purchase of equipment and for repairs on the buildings in Petersham to be used by the Forestry School.

The payment of this sum of \$60,000 to be as follows:

\$15,000 (25 %) on January 1, 1908; the remaining payments to be made as soon as possible thereafter and all within the year 1908, but all at times and in amounts agreeable to me.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) John S. Ames.

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Ropes, Gray & Gorham.

Massachusetts Building,  
60 State Street.

Boston, March 21, 1908.

Charles F. Adams, 2d, Esq.  
Harvard College Office,  
50 State Street,  
BOSTON, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

We enclose herewith two deeds of land in Petersham, one from James J. Higginson, Jr. to the President and Fellows of Harvard College and the other from Margaret G. Higginson to the President and Fellows of Harvard College, which Mr. James J. Higginson has requested us to forward to you. He desires to make a gift of this property to the College and we believe he has already communicated with the corporation about it and that the gift has been accepted. You will observe that his interest in one of the lots is an undivided one-third interest, so that it may be desirable for the College to bring partition proceedings in that case.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of the deeds.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Ropes, Gray & Gorham.

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Cambridge, September 3, 1909

Dear Mr. Fisher:

The President duly received the report of the Division of Forestry for the academic year 1908-09. He understands that the report is made to him as President of the University, and thinks it desirable that in any other use you make of the report it should appear that it is a report to the President.

Sincerely yours,

*J. D. Greene*

Professor R. T. Fisher

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Cambridge, September 3, 1909

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge on behalf of the President of Harvard University the receipt of your letter of August 31, laying before him certain important matters connected with the administration of your department.

At the next meeting of the President and Fellows of Harvard College, which will probably be held on the 28th inst., Mr. Harry M. Hackett will receive a formal appointment. Will you kindly indicate the title which you wish him to hold? Is it to be "Supervising Lumberman?" Mr. Hackett will be paid as you suggest, on December 1 and March 1, and the payments charged to the coming winter's receipts from the Harvard Forest.

The Bursar has been instructed to place immediately to your credit the sum of \$500, as an appropriation for the general purposes of the Division of Forestry. This action will be given the form of a regular appropriation by the Corporation at their next meeting.

I remain, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

*J. D. Greene*

Secretary to the Corporation

Professor R. T. Fisher

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PHILIP K. WALCOTT

April 18th, 1910.

President Lowell,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Sir:-

I am preparing a deed of trust, under the terms of which \$150,000. will ultimately go to the University. My client, who is making this trust, desires to have this fund devoted to the Forestry Department. On looking over the last President's report, I find there is a division of forestry in the Graduates School of Applied Science, but I am so little acquainted with the needs of the division of forestry that I write, as I did a few years ago to President Eliot in relation to another proposed gift to Harvard, to ask if you will not have the expression of the gift formulated in such a way as not only to give the proper name and form of bequest, but to have the disposition of the fund such as, in your judgment, will best develop the division of forestry.

Yours truly,

*Eugene D. Hawkins*

Class of 1881.

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Cambridge, April 27, 1910.

Dear Sir:

President Lowell directs me to transmit to you the following suggestion of a form of gift for the support of the Division of Forestry:

"To the President and Fellows of Harvard College, a Corporation chartered under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of \$ — as a permanent fund to be held by the said President and Fellows, and invested and reinvested in accordance with the general practice of the Corporation regarding investments, the income only to be applied toward the support of a professorship in the Division of Forestry, or, generally toward the expense of maintaining instruction and research in that subject, or for the support of instruction and research in Arboriculture, Silviculture, or other sciences directly subservient to forestry."

If these terms are not satisfactory to your client, or if you would like to discuss the subject further, I shall be prepared to hear from you again.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Corporation.

Eugene D. Hawkins, Esq.

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Cambridge, April 29, 1910.

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

I enclose herewith some descriptive matter about the Division of Forestry, and I am also sending, under separate cover, an unutilated copy of the publication from which the enclosure is taken.

One of the best fruits of the organization of this department of the University, in its very first years, has been the production of the "Manual for Northern Woodsmen" a copy of which I am also sending you. This publication has become the indispensable part of the working equipment of practical foresters and timber surveyors throughout the country. If your client should have occasion to visit Petersham I know that Professor Fisher would be delighted to show him what there is to be seen.

Very truly yours,

Eugene D. Hawkins, Esq.

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ALFRED GREGORY  
PHILIP K. WALCOTT

April 30, 1910.

Mr. Jerome D. Greene,  
No. 5 University Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Greene:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the  
29th inst., with enclosure about the division of forestry, and  
have also received the other papers under separate cover, for  
which I thank you.

Yours very truly,

EDH/R

*Eugene D. Hawkins*

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DIVISION OF FORESTRY

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

July 16, 1910.

President A. Lawrence Lowell,  
Harvard University.

Sir:

I ask for authorization to fill the vacancy in the Division of Forestry left by the departure of Mr. MacKaye and to engage Professor Gary, who has been State Forester of New York during the past year, to teach the course he formerly gave in lumbering and forest engineering. Available for these purposes is \$1,500 in the budget of the Division, and the guarantee of \$2,000 annually for five years, embodied in the offer of Messrs. J. S. Ames and W. R. Butler, which is now in your hands.

The present situation of the Forest School is such that the completion of a strong teaching staff is of the utmost importance. The present regular teachers in the Division, Professor Jack and Mr. Bailey, could not be improved upon, and the cooperation of Professor Jeffrey and Professor Wheeler gives us the very strongest contribution in their respective fields. As for general teaching equipment, with the Harvard Forest, the Arnold

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Arboretum, and the use of Corbin Park, we are more than adequately supplied. The quality of our students, too, has improved notably so that in the present class and that which is to enter in the autumn there are a good number of thoroughly competent men. Our weakness has been that we have been undermanned, particularly in respect to the large amount of administrative and executive work which must be done in addition to the teaching. I am therefore exceptionally anxious to fill the present vacancy with a really strong man of proved ability and initiative who can take an effective part in running the machinery of the School and extending its connections. The man I recommend for this place is Mr. Edward E. Carter, graduate of Bowdoin College and the Yale Forest School, already one year instructor in forestry at Harvard during 1904-05, and since that time in the U. S. Forest Service, where he has risen to complete charge of the forest management of the national forests. Both Mr. Pinchot and Mr. Graves have recommended Carter for our work in the very highest terms, and I myself believe, after considering a great many possibilities, that he is the best man that we could get. It is not absolutely certain that he would come to us, but he has told me that circumstances now incline him to locate in New England and that he would very seriously consider an offer from Harvard University. He mentioned the sum of \$2,500, his present salary, as the

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least he would consider. I therefore wish to offer him an appointment as Assistant Professor at \$2,500 a year.

In the case of Professor Cary it is a question of reengaging for instruction in a special subject a man who has already taught here three years and who is in great demand by other forest schools. He has recently resigned as State Forester of New York on account of political friction not at all to his discredit. Mr. Cary has had a large number of flattering offers during the last few weeks, but for various reasons, partly professional connections, partly the fact that he was enabled to bring out his very successful book at Harvard, he seems inclined to rejoin the Harvard School for a limited portion of the year. It is my hope, therefore, to get him to give his course during the winter, covering probably the time from December to March. I do not know what we should have to pay him for this service, but he has told me that he is not much concerned over the pay and I propose, with your sanction, to ask him what he thinks he should get. If \$2,500 was spent for Carter, \$1,000 will be left to pay for Cary. This I anticipate would be more than enough.

If we are to make arrangements with either of these two men, there is great need for haste. Cary is in Montana, considerably anxious to know what he is going

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to do next year, and Carter is already on a long tour of inspection through the national forests during which to reach him either by mail or telegraph is extremely uncertain. I shall hope, therefore, to be informed at Cambridge as promptly as possible what action you will authorize me to take.

Very respectfully,

*Richard L. Fisher*

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HARVARD FOREST  
PETERSHAM, MASS.

Oct. 6/10

Dear Mr. Lowell,

I wish to ask the Corporation for a change in the financial arrangements of our logging operations on the Harvard Forest. Hitherto, in accordance with the understanding that I should pay all running expenses from the property, I have sold timber in the log as we get all receipts in by the end of the fiscal year. The reason for this was to demonstrate promptly that the enterprise was self-supporting, and to avoid, in getting started, the complexity and delay of a longer operation. What I now propose, for the sake of run continuously using our men and horses and of securing the full value of our timber, is to carry the business on to the sale of the sawn boards, which will necessitate having money in the lumber during parts of two fiscal years. Trees cut in the coming winter, for example, would not all be marketed until next winter. We need, therefore, to have the use of our opera-

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ting Capital for more than one fiscal year.

Our proposition is that the Corporation advance to the Division of Forestry as needed, \$3000., this sum to bear interest at a reasonable rate and to be paid back out of annual receipts by payments of at least \$500. per annum. So far it has been possible, even with the handicap of giving away 20 to 30 per cent of the profits, to make better than the annual expenses of the place out of a very moderate cut. The new arrangement would give us a larger revenue per unit of volume, and would put the business of the forest on the best basis for control and instruction to students.

Enclosed is an estimate of expenses and receipts under the proposed scheme.

Very respectfully,  
R. T. Fisher

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Receipts and Expenditure For One Year:

Estimated Receipts

Sale of 225 M Lumber	\$ 4150
" " 250 Cords wood	500
" " farm produce	200
Room Rents	145
	<u>\$ 4945</u>

Estimated Disbursements

Pay roll	\$ 1080
Fees of stock	500
Supplies & repairs	250
Home expenses	50
Telephone	40
Insurance	50
Interest on loan	150
Marketing Lumber	1575
" Cordwood	250
	<u>\$ 3945</u>

Net Surplus available for  
 payment on loan, and to  
 keep Capital intact

\$ 1000

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PETERSHAM, MASS.

Capital Accounts

Masonry Capital . . . . . \$ 4000

Surplus on hand July 1, 1910 . . \$ 1000

Proposed Loan

3000  
\$ 4000

\$ 4000

Annual Change

Profit, sales over total expenses \$ 1000

Retirement of loan \$ 500

Replacement of capital 500  
\$ 1000

\$ 1000

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October 14, 1910

Dear Fisher:

The Corporation voted to advance to the Forest three thousand dollars, in order to enable you to saw and season the lumber; but I think you have made a miscalculation about the repayment. If you will have at the beginning of this year a capital of \$1,000 from surplus on hand and \$3,000 from the proposed loan, and you make a saving of \$1,000 which you use towards paying back the loan, you will still have a capital of \$4,000, of which the \$2,000 would be surplus and \$2,000 loan. In other words, there is no need of setting aside anything for the replacement of capital, because the repayment of your loan does that. The Corporation therefore advances the \$3,000, to be repaid \$1,000 per year.

Yours truly,

J. D. Casne

Professor R. T. Fisher

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Chairman

HARVARD FOREST  
PETERSHAM, MASS.

Oct. 20/10

Dear Mr. Lowell,

My arithmetic stands corrected, and we accept the loan of \$3000. with gratitude. Barring accidents - we shall pay it back at the rate of \$1000 per annum. The interest I assume to be 5%, the rate I named.

May I ask to have the appointment of Austin Cary as lecturer in lumbering and forest engineering put through as soon as maybe? He has agreed to come for \$1000. The balance of the guarantee made by Messrs Ames and Butler.

My respectfully,

R. T. Fisher

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Cambridge,

Dec. 20/10

Dear Mr. Mason,

I wish to propose that hereafter the charges for the use of instruments in the Division of Forestry be rendered as \$5.00 per annum with no reference to particular courses. As a matter of fact the use of instruments is not confined to any one, or even two, courses, so that it would be more simple and reasonable to make a general charge which could be collected all at once than to split a small fee into two collections. In either case the cost to the student remains the same.

Very truly yours,  
A. T. Fisher

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October 11, 1911

My dear Professor Fisher:

I have a letter from Mr. Scovell with regard to the disbursements which you and others have made from your personal funds for the running expenses of the Forestry School. Mr. Scovell suggests that a deposit of \$500 should be made in the name of the University at the Miller's River National Bank of Athol with authority for you and Carter to draw checks on the same--you to account in detail to the Bursar for the disbursements so made, and he to renew the fund from time to time on the basis of said accounting. This seems entirely satisfactory to me; but I think that the amount of the deposit should be only amply sufficient to cover your expenses for one month, and that as soon as payments are made you should send the accounts to the Bursar, who would then forward you a check for the total amount of such expenditures--thus bringing the fund back to the original amount deposited.

If this seems satisfactory to you, will you not see Mr. Mason and arrange the details with him. I am sending a copy of this letter to him.

Very truly yours,

**B. A. L. BLAKE**

Comptroller

Professor R. T. Fisher

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PETERSHAM, MASS.

12 Oct. 1911.

Dear Mr. Blake,

I am glad to hear that you approve of the scheme which Mr. Scovell suggests for financing the operations of the Harvard Forest School here. It will greatly simplify the work of Mr. Carter and me if we can draw directly upon a deposit in a local bank, instead of advancing our own funds for the payment of expenses, as we have done hitherto. Your suggestion that the amount of the deposit should be approximately equal to the expenditures of a month is entirely satisfactory to me; and I suggest that, to make sure of having enough, the deposit should be made two hundred dollars. If, as I assume, you have notified the Bursar that this scheme is satisfactory to you, I will write to him to arrange the details.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*

J. A. L. Blake, Esq.

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*Dept of Treasury*  
October 17, 1911

Professor R. T. Fisher

Petersham, Mass.

Dear Professor Fisher:-

Your letter of October 12 reached me today and I have seen the Bureau and told him that the arrangement I suggested was satisfactory to you. He will, as I wrote you before, arrange the details with you.

Trusting that this will work in practice entirely satisfactory to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. A. L. BLAKE

Comptroller

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*Cambridge, Massachusetts*

September 28, 1912.

Dear Mr. Lowell:

Mr. Charles F. Choate, who has a summer place in Petersham adjoining a portion of the Harvard Forest, wishes to acquire a portion of our land lying between his boundary and the Swift River. I told him that I should not consider it safe to reduce our holdings to any important extent, at least as regards the supply of growing timber, for practically all we have is necessary to maintain a constant series of operations. The land which Mr. Choate wishes to get amounts to about eighty-five acres and contains about 400,000 feet of timber, worth approximately \$4,000. In view of these facts I proposed to Mr. Choate that he buy and exchange with us for the land he wants another tract also contiguous to our holdings covering about 125 acres and containing approximately 200,000 feet of lumber, worth, with the land, \$2500, and that he pay us in addition, to offset the difference in value, \$2,000 for permanent improvements and experimental scientific work at Petersham. Mr. Choate has accepted this proposition and I wish herewith to recommend it on behalf of the School of Forestry and to ask authority from the Corporation for carrying it through.

From the point of view of the School the exchange would be advantageous for the following reasons:

First. The slight reduction in the amount of available timber would be offset by the acquisition of growth

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which is still young and of which we have now not as much as is desirable.

Second. It would give us some available money which would be extremely helpful for the work above referred to.

Third. So far from increasing the amount of property now withdrawn or expected to be withdrawn from taxation, the exchange would leave the town with more taxable property than it has at present, since the land Mr. Choate would acquire from us is worth at least \$2,000 more than the land he would turn over to us.

Fourth. The land which we should acquire by the trade would connect a small lot of ours now separate with the main body of the Slab City tract and thereby concentrate our holdings.

If the Corporation will approve of this transfer I will notify Mr. Choate.

Very respectfully yours,

*R. L. Linn* S.

President A. Lawrence Lowell

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October 11th, 1912

Dear Mr. Fisher:-

The Corporation was willing that an exchange of land should be made with Mr. Charles F. Choate along the lines you suggested, but no formal vote was taken for the reasons specified in the letter from Mr. Adams, which I am enclosing. When you are through with the letter, will you please return it for our files?

Yours very truly,

G. PEABODY GARDNER, JR.

Secretary.

Enclosure

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Forestry Dept

Harvard Forest  
Petersham, Massachusetts

October 15, 1913.

Dear Mr. Hummelwell,

Thank you for your letter reporting  
Mr. Olmstead's inability to give his lectures  
on forestry during the coming winter.  
So far we have not settled as to how  
we shall supply his place, but I will  
let you know as soon as we have made  
new arrangements.

Very truly yours,

R. T. Fisher

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*Forestry, Dept. of*  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
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*Bussey Building  
Forest Hills, Massachusetts*

February 6, 1914.

President A. Lawrence Lowell,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear President Lowell:

The following is a memorandum of the proposals discussed by the staff of the School of Forestry with you and Mr. Bacon yesterday.

With the present academic year the School of Forestry put into effect two important changes, first the transfer of its winter quarters and of all instruction hitherto given at Cambridge, to the Bussey Institute at Jamaica Plain; and second, the rearrangement of the curriculum so as to devote the second year of the course exclusively to special training or research in one of four fields, namely, the operation of forest lands, entomology, wood technology and dendrology.

After a year's further study of the situation both here in the University and in the country at large, the staff of the school is unanimous in believing that the time has come to take another and final step, and to organize squarely and exclusively, as an institution for research and the training of advanced specialists. Their reasons for this belief are, first, that on the old basis we were competing in a field in which too many other schools offered nominally equivalent training; second, that while the market for men of general training is shrinking,

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the market for men of special training, particularly in problems relating to the lumber business, is growing; third, that a general course precludes research and special training by the same corps of instructors; fourth, that with the resources now for the first time available, through alliance with the Bussey Institution and its staff, through proximity to the Arnold Arboretum, and through the possibility of cooperation with other scientists in the University, the school has an equipment for certain lines of specialization that is unrivalled in this country. The School of Forestry therefore proposes to give up entirely its general course, to devote itself strongly to the research which the elementary teaching has hitherto precluded, and to offer to qualified men, opportunity for advanced training in the following fields: (1) the management and silvicultural treatment of forests, for which work the Harvard Forest is the chief laboratory; (2) the control of insect pests, for which Professors Wheeler and Brues will furnish the means; (3) dendrology, through Professor Jack and the Arboretum; (4) wood technology and researches in wood utilization, through Professor Bailey and his laboratory; and (5) the scientific study of lumbering and logging and the economies in those processes which only technical investigation can bring about. For the first four of these specialties, the school is already strongly equipped. For the last, the lumbering, it is practically unprovided. At the present moment, it is this

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special work in lumbering that will be most in demand, because so many of the problems of timberland management must be solved from that approach. Furthermore, it is this work that the school has all along foreseen the importance of, and which it is known to have been aiming toward. If we proceed now upon the new basis, working only in the specialties already provided for, we shall be moving in the right direction but we shall have failed to enter the field where specialization is most needed. If, on the other hand, we can add the lumbering to our other subjects, we shall not only be first in the field, but we shall point our whole scheme with the study most vitally related to the whole industry for which forestry is working.

To secure this addition to the school in adequate form will cost an increase of \$4000. to our budget. It will mean getting Mr. Austin Cary, formerly professor here and during the last three years at work on lumbering problems for the government, to give us at least four months of his year, as lecturer and organizer of the field work. His services will cost perhaps \$1500. To work under him, there will have to be two assistants, one on full and the other partial time. Their combined cost would amount to \$2500. The sum of \$1000. appropriated last year for engineering work could be diverted from our budget to cover necessary field and other expenses. We already have in view the men for assistants, men whose training we have been watching for several years. As for Mr. Cary, his experience since leaving Harvard has made him the

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leading, practically the only, man in his field, and has gained the confidence of the lumber interests to a high degree. Both in his case and that of the assistants, a division of time between the University and the Forest Service, or other employers, would be desirable and apparently feasible. With these additions to our staff, we should have the strongest institution for advanced training and research in the United States.

Very respectfully,

*R. T. Fisher*  
*Chairman*

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March 10, 1914.

Dear Mr Fisher:

At a meeting of the Corporation yesterday, your letter of February 6 was carefully considered, and it was voted to approve your recommendation that the School of Forestry should be remodeled for the purpose of research and the training of advanced specialists.

The Corporation, however, did not feel that they could embark on the instruction in lumbering, which would involve \$4,000 to your budget.

Very truly yours,

*A. S. Lowell*

Professor R. T. Fisher,

55 Chestnut Street,

Boston, Massachusetts.

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April 6, 1914.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of President Lowell, I beg to thank you for your kind letter of April 4th, containing your experience with trees that have been attacked by pests. Professor Fisher of our Forestry Department has just been asked to undertake the consideration of the question and I am forwarding your letter to him .

Very truly yours,  
G. PEABODY GARLAND, JR.

Secretary to the Corporation

Elijah S. Fairchild, Esq

755 Buena Avenue

Chicago

Illinois

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11 Forestry Dept

April 6, 1914

Dear Mr Fisher:

Here is another suggestion for curing  
the elms. I have acknowledged it with thanks and  
refer it to you for what it is worth.

Very truly yours,

S. WABODY GARDNER, JR.

Secretary to the Corporation

Professor R. T. Fisher

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 on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

To John M. Gries

Bureau Corporations, Washington, D.C.

Your appointment lecturer salary twenty five hundred confirmed.

Please telegraph acceptance necessary for publication with  
announcement of new course.

R. T. Fisher

*I explained over  
to office.*

*John M. Gries*

READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT ON BACK.

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JOHN S. AMES

96 AMES BUILDING  
BOSTON

January 13, 1915.

Pres. A. Lawrence Lowell,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lowell:

I consider Mr. Carter a valuable member of the faculty of the Harvard Forestry School. My opinion and that of his fellow members of the Forestry Faculty is that he is a sound and careful investigator, and a man of great energy, who is entirely devoted to advancing the reputation of the school.

Last year he published in the "Proceedings of the Society of American Foresters," a new basis for measuring the growth of pine which was a valuable contribution, and based on work done at Petersham. He has all the plantations of the Harvard forest, both regular and experimental, under recorded observation, and is in a good way to get useful results.

The field in which he is most proficient, measurements, timber and growth, is most important in relation to the new lumbering course.

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Prof. Fisher thinks he would be held up in his silvicultural work if he should lose the help of Mr. Carter. Mr. Carter is also cooperating with Mr. Brues of the Bussey in the preparation of a paper which will be of interest to both entomologists and foresters.

Unless we had a man of marked ability in sight, which I believe we have not, to take Mr. Carter's place, I think the school would be crippled by his loss at this time.

We are now in the fifth and last year of the guarantee fund which the members of our Visiting Committee raised to help pay Mr. Carter's salary, and I hope the Corporation will feel inclined to reappoint Mr. Carter for another term.

Very truly yours,

*John V. Ames.*

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January 19, 1915

Dear Mr Ames:

You have taken so much interest in the Forestry School and know so much about it that I should like to consult you about the re-appointment of Professor Carter as Assistant Professor for another term. The Corporation is not clear about the subject and suggested that I consult you.

Very truly yours,

John S. Ames, Esq.,

205 Commonwealth Avenue

Boston, Massachusetts

P. S. I enclose a vote of the Corporation for your gift for the Medical School. You are always giving something.

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PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE

50 STATE STREET, BOSTON  
5 UNIVERSITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE

Professor Fisher says that he sees that as much as \$1,500 a year can be raised towards defraying Professor E. E. Carter's salary, if he is re-appointed; that Professor Carter's work and investigation is the measurement of growth in timber and wood, which is not in the same line as Professor Fisher's work.

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Forestry  
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CAMBRIDGE

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Dear Mr. Lowell,

Regarding the designation  
of fields in the titles of Professor  
Curtis and myself, we have  
decided that it would be better  
for them to be left as they  
are, that is, simply Assistant  
Professor of Forestry.

Very truly yours,

R. T. Fisher

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1915

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March 27, 1915

My dear Professor Fisher:

President Lowell says that he does not feel that the College can afford to pay \$400 for a fertilizer for the Yard. Don't you think you can raise the amount from some of the Alumni? From what Mr John E. Thayer said to me a year or so ago, I think possibly he might be willing to do something.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Humpewell 2nd

Secretary

Professor R. T. Fisher

55 Chestnut Street

Boston, Massachusetts

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Forest School Fund

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June 23, 1915

My Dear Miss Pettingell:

I am enclosing the list  
of subscribers to the Forest School Fund, which I  
have just received from Mr John S Ames, who says  
he has personally acknowledged all subscriptions.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Huntington 2nd  
Comptroller

Miss L C Pettingell  
50 State Street  
Boston

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Forestry School

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October 4, 1915.

My dear Dean Wheeler:

I have been talking with President Lowell about the finances of the Forestry School in general, and the Assistant for Professor Bailey in particular. He says he will take the matter up with you when he next sees you. In case he forgets will you kindly remind him.

Yours very truly,

F. W. Hurnsbee

Dean Wheeler,

Bussey Institution,

Jamaica Plain, Mass.

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<u>Names.</u>	<u>Salaries.</u>					
	<u>1910-11</u>	<u>1911-12</u>	<u>1912-13</u>	<u>1913-14</u>	<u>1914-15</u>	<u>1915-16</u>
Bailey, I.W.	\$1200	\$1500	\$2500	\$2500	\$2500	\$2500
Carter, E.E.	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	
Fisher, R.T.	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
Jack, J.G.	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Cary, Austin	1000	-	-	-	-	
Clark, K.McR.	-	-	-	250	-	
Grios, J.M.	-	-	-	-	2500	
Hodge, W.C.	-	-	-	150	-	
Herriam, P.A.	-	200	-	-	-	
Morrisom, Jay	-	-	900	300	-	
Sinnott, E.W.	-	500	-	500	500	
Tupper, W.W.	-	-	300			
	<u>\$9,700</u>	<u>\$9,700</u>	<u>\$11,200</u>	<u>\$11,200</u>	<u>\$13,000</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>

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93, 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, Columbus, O.  
Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1916.

My dear Professor Fisher;

Would the possession of a  
small tract (100 Acres) of land  
on the side of Mt. Monadnock,  
just below and reaching up into  
the steep ledges of the mountain, be  
of value to the Forestry work of  
Harvard University?

Three fourths of the tract is pretty  
thickly covered with a growth of  
small hard and soft wood  
trees. The land formerly used  
for pasturage has been covering  
itself with wood since about 1890.  
It lies at an elevation, I judge, of  
1600 to 2000 ft. and looks to the east  
and northeast. Its first growth was

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cut about 1790. It lies in Tullin,  
N.H., and is adjacent to land  
on Monadnock controlled by  
the Society for the Protection of  
N.H. Forests. The upper fourth is of  
value only for mountain climbing,  
being so steep that it has never  
been fenced on that side.

The Society just named would  
willingly add it to their Monadnock  
Reservation for the use and recreation  
of those who climb mountains.

The greater portion of the tract seems to  
me to possess possibilities for other  
uses.

Yours very truly,  
Samuel C. Derby.

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July 9, 1917.

My dear Mr Fisher:

I enclose a letter which I have received. I suppose at present we shall use this gift for Forestry to carry on some of the present work for which we have no funds and which we might not be able to continue.

Yours very truly,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

Professor R. T. Fisher

Petersham

Massachusetts

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SCHOOL OF FORESTRY

*Bussey Building  
Forest Hills, Massachusetts*

the proper time I will see that the guarantee is  
put in satisfactory form. I therefore hope  
that the Corporation will feel justified in  
giving Carter the reappointment which we  
believe his work and abilities make so  
essential to our general enterprise.

Sincerely yours

Richard D. Fisher

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REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA

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Forest

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July 31, 1919.

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Pres. A. Lawrence Lowell,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Lowell:-

I hesitate to address you on the subject of this letter for numerous reasons of which perhaps the chief one is the fact that it may appear in the light of a personal criticism of Prof. Fisher, whom I like to believe is a friend of mine and toward whom I should not like to appear guilty of an unfriendly act. My purpose in writing you thus is actuated solely by my conception of my duty: primarily, as the nephew of my uncle, Mr. James Brooks, of Petersham; secondly, as a considerable property holder in Petersham, and as the representative of other members of my family who are both financially interested, and, by every heritage of birthright and tradition, devoted to the past history and even more keenly the future welfare of the town; and last, and by no means least, I feel safe in asserting that I am speaking as the representative of a considerable number of property holders in Petersham who have been there for many years, who have invested their money there and who have loved it for its wonderful natural beauties, which it possesses to such a marked degree.

I believe that there is no reason for doubt in the minds of any of those persons who were cognizant of Mr. Brooks' motives in interesting Harvard University to establish its School of Forestry in Petersham that he was impelled primarily, if not entirely, by a most ardent desire to secure to the village of Petersham for all time (as

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far as such a thing is humanly possible) the wonderful natural beauties of the town, so very materially enhanced by the splendid beauty of its forests. So great was his love for the town and his desire for the accomplishment of this result that in making the transfer of these lands to Harvard University he willingly accepted a very considerable financial loss in the interest of the accomplishment of this purpose. I personally know, from numerous conversations with my uncle on this subject, that the manner in which the forest is now being dealt with is wholly foreign to anything which he anticipated in this regard, and I believe that I am wholly accurate in the statement that, had he had any conception of the manner in which the forests, which he so loved and for the preservation of which he made such an actual sacrifice, were to be denuded, he never for one instant would have entered into the transfer of these lands for such a purpose.

In discussing the matter with me he told me that he felt the forests were conserved to Petersham for all time and that scientific forestry was conducted on such principles that no considerable areas were denuded at any one time and any cutting which might be done would only beautify rather than detract from the appearance of the woods.

Now I fully realize the numerous arguments which might, perhaps, be brought forward to show that while it was the original intention of the University to retain the woodlands, which they purchased with that understanding, virtually intact, <sup>that</sup> since the transfer of this property from Mr. Brooks to the University and the establishment of the School of Forestry at Petersham, the latter had not proved to be one of the vocations for which there is a sufficient <sup>desire</sup> ~~gain~~ to make the school a success

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from an educational standpoint and, therefore, the woodlands, acquired for this purpose and with this intention, must be disposed of in a manner consistent with good business and economic principles. I believe that you and those who have control of the conduct of the Harvard School of Forestry at Petersham will willingly recognize and admit a moral obligation which in this particular instance, at all events, is founded on something deeper than a purely economic basis, and that if the School of Forestry in Petersham is not a success as such a school, for whatever reasons, that there is a fundamental obligation on the part of the University to carry out the understanding and views comprehended by them, and wholly depended upon by Mr. Brooks in the consummation of this whole transaction.

I and other members of my family and other residents of Petersham have refrained from appearing to be officious or interfering in any way in the manner in which the activities of the Forestry School have been conducted, but as I go back year after year and see tracts destroyed which I have grown up with and learned to venerate from childhood, and with which my uncle's activities of forty years were so associated, in the town of Petersham, I confess that it is with deepest regret that I contemplate it, and in voicing this I am voicing only what many others of the residents of Petersham have said to me personally, but apparently hesitate to express openly.

I trust that in the foregoing I have not been guilty of any expressions which may seem to verge upon sentimentality. But quite apart from any suitable sentiment in the matter, as a property holder in Petersham, I realize that my financial interests are suffering an actual detriment from the present manner of handling the Harvard forests

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in that town. I have thought of appealing to the people of Petersham to remonstrate in this matter but before taking such a step, the necessity for which would perhaps be unfortunate, it seems to me my duty to thus personally place the matter before you for your consideration, through which I feel safe in assuming the matter will be thoroughly and effectively treated and I earnestly hope the desired results accomplished. Believe me,

Respectfully yours,

Herbert N. Luke.

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August 15, 1919.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I enclose a letter from Mr. Fiske about the management of the Harvard forest in Petersham. I had supposed that the forest was meant to be handled just as it is; that is, as a practical example of the cultivation and cutting of timber.

Will you tell me what to say to him?

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE LOWELL

Professor Richard T. Fisher

Petersham

Massachusetts

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DEPARTMENT OF SILVICULTURE AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

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Harvard Forest  
Petersham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lowell,

Aug. 14, 1919

With your permission I will write an answer to Mr. Herbert Fisk's letter about the Harvard Forest and will submit it to you for approval. As I think you know, we have never made any changes in our policy in respect to cutting timber since the beginning. Mr. Brooks was for five years entirely familiar with what we were doing and never gave me the slightest sign of anything but approval. At the time of the tax difficulty he even made a defense of our methods in town meeting. My own opinion is that we are acting entirely within his wishes as confirmed by Robert Willson, his cousin, and his sister and chief legatee. Mrs. Martha Brooks strongly disapproves of her nephew's remonstrance. In fact I am confident that the bulk of the sensible people are of opinion

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Harvard Forest  
Petersham, Massachusetts

That the forestry work is of distinct benefit  
to the town. Notwithstanding the fact that  
we have increased the forest area by nearly  
100 acres, and greatly improved 150 more,  
there must always be some people who see  
only the places where trees have recently  
been cut. Perhaps you will notify me when  
you are to be in Cambridge again, so  
that if you care to have <sup>me</sup> I can go into  
the situation here a little more fully.

Very truly yours  
R. J. Fisher

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DEPARTMENT OF SILVICULTURE AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

Harvard Forest  
Petersham, Massachusetts

Aug. 23 1919

Dear Mr. Lowell,

I enclose a letter to Mr. Herbert Fiske  
in answer to his about the management of  
the Forest. If you approve will you send  
it on to him? If you know the Fiske  
family perhaps you can make as good  
a guess as I at the reason for his  
protest.

Very truly yours  
P. J. Fisher

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THE HOLLOW,  
PETERSHAM. Mass

Sept 5 1919

Dear Mr Lowell

Professor Fisher has shown me  
the letter of Herbert Fiske which  
you referred to him not long ago.

James Brooks was my cousin  
too and I know that so long  
as he lived he cordially approved  
of the plans of the school.

I am sure that the older  
and wiser living relatives of  
Mr Brooks would regret  
Herbert's letter and hope  
that he will do so himself  
when he reads the very

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judicious letter (me judge)  
which Fisher wrote him  
and read to me before he  
sent it to you.

very truly yours

Robert W. Willson

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Harvard Forest

September 10, 1919

Dear Mr Willson:

Thank you very much  
for your letter about the forest at  
Petersham. Professor Fisher seemed  
to me undoubtedly right about  
Mr James Brooks' views on the manage-  
ment of the forest.

Very truly yours,

~~LAURENCE LITTLE~~

Professor Robert W. Willson

The Hollow

Petersham, Mass.

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October 8, 1919.

My dear Professor Fisher:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which Mr. Lowell has just received from Mrs. Higginson. Can you tell me where the land is situated and how important it is for the work of the school? As I am so unfamiliar with the land belonging to the school, would it be possible for you to give me a little sketch of just where this piece is located?

Very truly yours,

F. W. Hunnewell

Secretary.

Professor R. T. Fisher,

Petersham, Mass.

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PLANT ANATOMY  
I. W. Bailey, *Sec.*

Petersham, Mass.  
October 9, 1919.

Dear Hunnewell:-

There is no serious objection to returning Mrs. Higginson the small tract of land (about thirty acres) which she gave the school a few years ago. It is a valuable piece of timber but, as you will see from the sketch inclosed, located apart from the main body of the land and close to the village, so that for several reasons it could not be treated in the same way as the rest of the forest. We could get along without it and for my part I do not see how we can very graciously refuse Mrs. Higginson's request. The timber is, of course, a substantial part of the whole forest capital and as such has been very definitely in use even though no conspicuous work has yet been done there. I should hope sooner or later to acquire another piece of land, perhaps more advantageously located, to take the place of Mrs. Higginson's.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*

Mr. F. W. Hunnewell.

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Oct. 16, 1919.

Dear Madam:

President Lowell has asked me to say that he will be glad to bring up the question of returning the piece of land which you gave to the Forestry School at the next meeting of the Corporation, and will let you know as soon as the question is decided.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Mrs. M. G. Higginson,  
Petersham, Mass.

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C O P Y

Cambridge, Nov. 3, 1919.

Dear Uncle Henry:

In reply to your letter about my mother's woods in Petersham, the circumstances are these: She gave them to the College after my father's death in a fit of depression. I remonstrated with her at the time, but she said she was tired of paying taxes. At the same time, she gave a valuable piece of land on the main street and adjoining her own to the carpenter's daughter because the carpenter had been a sympathetic friend.

I assume the woods will be cut because their value to the College lies only in the cutting. The preservation of the woods as they are in Petersham, which was the original idea when Mr. Brooks sold them, has not proved practicable. Mr. Fisher has found that he must cut a large tract each year. I fully understand his scheme and that it is necessary and I approve of it.

From the point of view of my mother's property, the woods in question lie directly opposite her house, and in cutting them the view from her house would be very much marred, to put it mildly. It would hurt the view from the main street, which is one of the large assets of the town, and it would just about ruin the view from my house, as the woods are directly back of it. From sentimental reasons we all, as children, played in and loved them; my children do now, and Dorothy's were there last summer. Arthur Brooks owns the woods on one side and Miss Martha Brooks those on the other. If my mother's tract is returned, they could be cleared of the dead and fallen trees and undesirable underbrush and the old paths and road opened, thereby giving pleasure to the many summer visitors as well as to ourselves.

From the College's point, the tract is comparatively small and isolated from their other buildings and not especially valuable. They sold to Mr. Choate the pond and a larger and one

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of the most beautiful tracts, because they adjoined his other property and he wanted them. He has assured me that his woods will never be cut, so, as far as the town is concerned, it has benefited by that transfer, as it would by returning my mother's woods to her.

If the College cannot legally return the woods, I honestly think they should be willing and glad to sell them to my mother or to me. I did not know that she had written about this. It had been my intention to take the matter up after her death. She has been in Petersham more of late and been very happy there and now realizes what a fatal mistake she made in parting with the woods.

I am very glad you wrote to me, and I should welcome an opportunity to talk with a representative of the Corporation if any further explanation is desired.

Always affectionately yours,

Sgd. Margaret G. Fiske.

114 Brattle Street.

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HENRY L. HIGGINSON,  
44, STATE STREET, BOSTON.

November 7, 1919.

Dear President:

Here is a letter from my niece, Mrs. Fiske, which tells the story. I remember that my brother spoke of having given some land to the College and of his being pleased that he had done so. His statement may have been inaccurate in that his wife gave the land. You may remember that she said that if she got the land back, she would give \$500 to the Harvard Fund, which is really quite as much as she ought to give, for she has two children to partly support. Perhaps you will think this worth bringing up on Monday.

Yours truly,

*H. L. Higginson*

President A. Lawrence Lowell,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

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Higginson, Mrs. J. J.

November 12, 1919

Dear Mrs Higginson:

I laid before the Corporation at its last meeting the question of the return to you of the wood land in the town of Petersham which you conveyed to Harvard University. They feel that they have accepted a trust and it is, at least, very doubtful whether they have any right or power to divest themselves. They would, of course, <sup>be</sup> very glad to sell the land back to you for a reasonable price, which I think, no doubt, they can legally do; or they would be very glad to arrange with you about the cutting of the trees so that the land should not be disfigured or the view from your house impaired.

Very truly yours,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

Mrs M. G. Higginson

Petersham

Massachusetts

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years, while I appear  
to be in working to be of  
any use to the many who

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Harvard Forest

November 26, 1919

Dear Mrs Fiske:

Would it be possible for me to see you some time? The Corporation is very anxious to deal with the Petersham land in a way satisfactory to your Mother, if they can do so consistently with the trusts they have assumed.

Very truly yours,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

Mrs Clarence S. Fiske

114 Brattle Street

Cambridge, Mass.

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MEMORANDUM FOR NEXT CORPORATION MEETING

Matter of Discussion

The question of returning to Mrs. M.G. Higginson a small tract of land in Petersham, about 30 acres, which she gave to the Forestry School several years ago.

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Higginson, M. G.

December 3, 1919

Dear Mrs Higginson:

The Corporation has again discussed the question of the land in Petersham which you gave to the University. We are very anxious to do what you want, if we can find a way in which it can be done legally. Perhaps a gift to the Endowment Fund, made in consideration of our returning the land, might be very well, if it were a substantial part of the value of the land, - not necessarily its mercantile value.

When I next go to New York, I should like to have a talk with you, if I may; because I feel that we stand between an obligation that we have assumed and a desire to comply with your wishes.

Very truly yours,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

Mrs M. G. Higginson

564 Park Avenue

New York City

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Flisgenians, Mrs. Margaret S(99)



Mrs. My Mrs  
Margaret J. Flisgenians

Dec 6 -  
1919

Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

My dear Mr. Small  
I have given all the  
money, that I can afford  
to give to the Red Cross  
Fund - I am not sure if the  
"Red Cross" is as they are  
called - for the work, but  
back of all, by the time the  
2 of the Red Cross money  
will be out - I am sure  
all the Red Cross money  
is about, will be there, I will  
not have made the Red Cross

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The books, are 17 for  
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children, 2 men took -  
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books, and the drawings  
to you - I could not make  
for a money deal in any  
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still will give them to me,  
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the value of them & send them  
the best that you can - I  
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for books I have left -  
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of the - I am - I will  
the value of it - I would  
be pleased, if you could  
when you are in the  
of the you - I am  
in your name 123. South 4 -  
my telephone number is  
2906. Richmond.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NEXT CORPORATION MEETING

Matter for Discussion

The appointment of Professor Fisher as  
Director of the Harvard Forest.

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John S. Ames told me that he was not sure that Fisher was the best man for Director of the Forest because he thought scientific product was not as great under him as it might be. He would advise me later about what he thought had better be done.

A. Lawrence Lowell

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H. H.

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W. E. Castle  
PLANT GENETICS  
E. M. East

DENDROLOGY  
J. G. Jack  
ECONOMIC BOTANY  
Oakes Ames  
SILVICULTURE  
R. T. Fisher  
PLANT ANATOMY  
I. W. Bailey, *Sec.*

March 4, 1920.

President A. Lawrence Lowell,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear President Lowell:

Replying to your letter of March

*rec'd 3/8/20*

2nd I would say that in my opinion Mr. Oakes Ames ought to be reappointed as Assistant Professor, and that Mr. Richard T. Fisher should be made an Associate Professor. Professor Fisher's work is growing in importance, to judge from the greater number of students who are taking it, and who are making more use of the Forest at Petersham for their studies. He is not a research man, or, at any rate, does not publish very much, but he devotes a great deal of attention to the Forestry and Business School work and is, therefore, a very useful member of the Bussey staff.

*Discussion*

Yours very respectfully,

*W. M. Wheeler*  
Dean.

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Harvard Forest

May 14, 1920

My dear Fisher:

Have you any plan of Petersham which gives the boundaries of the Harvard Forest. If so I should like to have a copy, or if you have any extra ones to spare, two or three copies. I should also like to know who is the man in charge of the forest when you are not there.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Hunnewell  
Secretary.

Professor R. T. Fisher.

Weston, Mass.

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89 State St.,  
Boston, Mass.  
May 14, 1920.

A. Lawrence Lowell, Esq.,  
Pres. Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find a copy of a petition to the President and Overseers of Harvard University, which has been signed by about 80% of the living graduates of the Harvard Forest School.

We should be glad to have this petition considered by the Overseers at the earliest date which will meet with their convenience.

In the meanwhile this Committee holds itself at your disposal, and has prepared a constructive program to meet the situation.

Respectfully yours,

John S. Ames,  
E. S. Bryant,  
H. O. Cook,  
J. R. Coolidge 3rd,  
H. F. Gould.

C/MB.  
Enc-1.

*J. R. Coolidge III*  
(For the Committee.)

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A Petition

To the President and Fellows of Harvard University:

We, the undersigned, Alumni of the Harvard Forest School, being deeply interested in the welfare of that School, feel that it ought to take a commanding position among technical schools of this country. We think that in its plant at Petersham it is the possessor of, at least potentially, the best facilities in the country for technical instruction, and we feel that at the present time these facilities are not being used to the best advantage.

The importance of scientific forestry to this country is becoming more apparent every day. There is a real shortage of well trained foresters. Harvard, which should have one of the best schools in the country, actually has the most insignificant in size. We believe that this is due to lack of support from the University.

We respectfully request that the income from our present or future contributions to the Harvard Endowment Fund be added to the necessary support of the School from the general funds of the University.

We ask for a hearing at which we can more fully set forth our views on the present anomalous position of the Harvard Forest School, and the pressing need of a complete reorganization.

April, 1920.

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Fisher, R. J., Harvard Forest

May 14, 1920

Dear Mr Fisher:

As I have been trying to get hold of you by telephone in vain, I resort to a letter to tell you that I have presented the question of your promotion to the Corporation. They are not inclined, however, to think that we need a professor of forestry, in view of the small demand for instruction in that subject, which can be well met by other schools of forestry. They have suggested that for research in silviculture our forest might be effectively used in connection with the Department of Forestry of the Commonwealth. At the same time, they desire in every way to treat you with consideration, and with a recognition of the services that you have rendered to the University.

Very truly yours,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

Professor Richard T. Fisher

Weston, Massachusetts

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MEMORANDUM

Professor R.T. Fisher can be reached by telephone at the Harvard Forest School - Petersham 2-31 - usually after five in the evening or before eight-thirty in the morning.

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Harvard Forest

May 17, 1920

Dear Joe:

I have just received your petition to the President and Fellows about the School of Forestry. At the time the forest service was in need of men, a large number of schools of forestry were started all over the country, many more than were needed; but as soon as the forest service was filled up, there was very little opening for the graduates of those schools. Under these circumstances, it seemed unwise to continue instruction that was not really needed, and the school was practically given up. All that has been left is advanced instruction for men desiring to do research. Would not a school of forestry at Harvard be simply duplicating work well enough done elsewhere and work for which there is no real demand? Do you seriously think that it would be wise to attempt to re-establish a school of forestry here? The forest must of course be maintained and used as singularly well adapted for research.

Very truly yours,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

J. R. Coolidge, 3rd, Esq.

89 State Street

Boston, Mass.

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Harvard Forest

May 22, 1920

Dear Mr Ames:

I return the report on the Harvard Forest, which I have read with interest. I observe that in the bibliography of publications by students and instructors by far the most numerous and important things are by Professor Bailey, who, although formerly an instructor in the School of Forestry, is really a member of the Bussey Institution and would be practically unaffected by the treatment of the forest.

I will see that no action is taken in regard to Professor Fisher until I hear from you again.

Very truly yours,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

John S. Ames, Esq.

96 Ames Building

Boston, Mass.

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Harvard Forest

May 25, 1920

My dear Fisher:

Can you mark in some way the boundaries of the forest on the enclosed map. I do not think that they are shown very clearly as it stands now.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Munnewell

Secretary.

Professor R. T. Fisher

Petersham, Mass.

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SCHOOL OF APPLIED BIOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SILVICULTURE AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

*Harvard Forest  
Petersham, Massachusetts*

F. W. Hunnewell, Esq.,  
President's Office,  
University Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.  
Dear Hunnewell,

May 29, 1920.

We have traced the existing boundaries of the Harvard property in Petersham, as shown on the enclosed map, with an additional red line. Of course where the boundary runs to the town road, the road, in the absence of other indication, is the bound. I think you will find that the lines of the Harvard property are quite clearly tracable by reference to the legend on the map.

I enclose also one of the small index maps published in the department pamphlet.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*

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Harvard Forest

June 3, 1920

My dear Mr. Bazeley:

Dr. Henry P.

Walcott has asked me to send you the enclosed map of the Harvard Forest at Petersham, and to say that in the absence of Professor Fisher, Mr.

A. H. Upham is in charge.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Munnell

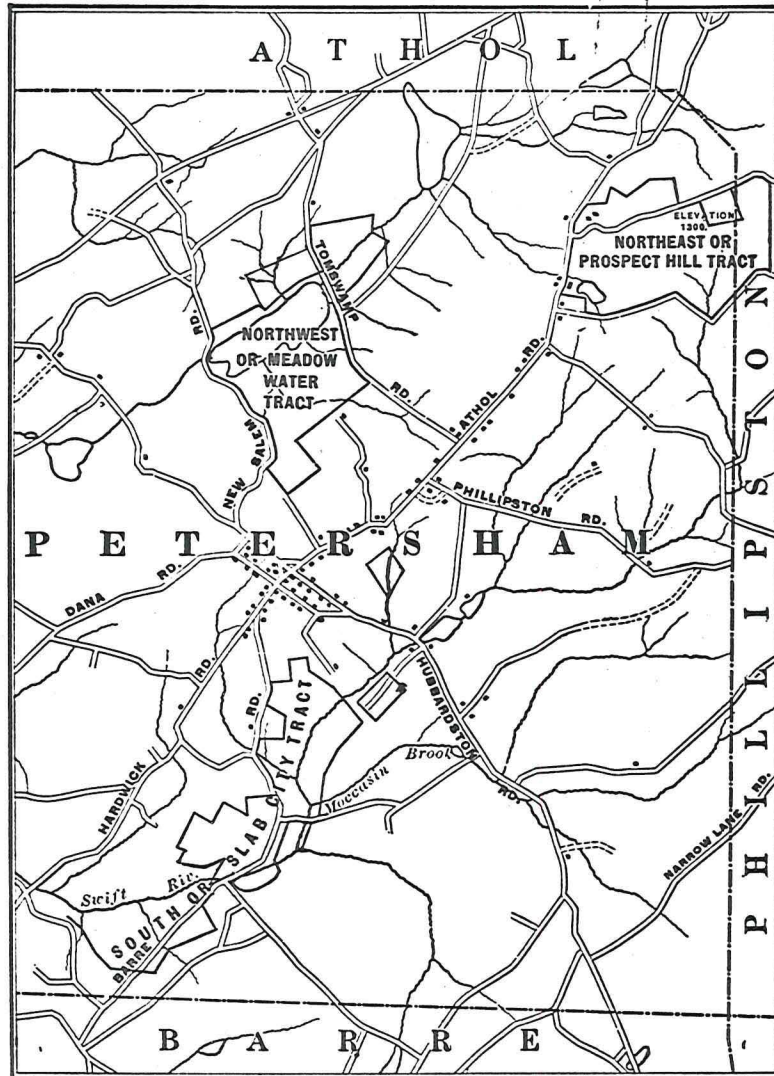
Mr. William A. L. Bazeley

77 Franklin Street

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(INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SHEET)

*Cambridge, Massachusetts*

June 3, 1920

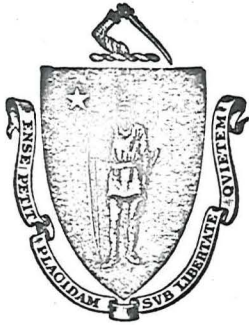
Ames came in today in regard to Professor Fisher. He thought the wise thing to do would be to appoint him Director of the Harvard Forest with the understanding that the tenure of the office would depend upon the value of the work produced by the Forest. He thought he ought to have the Assistant that he asks for. He hopes that the number of students at the Forest will increase.

Professor Fisher came in to see me and said that he wanted an Assistant whose salary would be provided elsewhere.  
Name forgotten; salary ?

A. Lawrence Lowell

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Harvard Forest



WILLIAM A. L. BAZELEY  
COMMISSIONER

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

408 STATE HOUSE  
BOSTON

June 4, 1920.

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F. W. Hunnewell, Esq.,  
President's Office,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hunnewell:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 2nd enclosing map of the Harvard Forest at Petersham, for which I am much obliged.

The prolonged session of the Legislature has interfered with my going up there, but I hope to do so in the near future.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. L. Bazeley*  
Commissioner.

B/H

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Harvard Forest

June 25, 1920

Dear Mr Fisher:

I write to say that at its last meeting the Corporation appointed you Director of the Harvard Forest, and this was confirmed by the Board of Overseers at their meeting on Commencement morning. This is an appointment without limit of time, and I hope will prove of the utmost satisfaction both to you and to the Corporation. I ought to say, however, that there has been some feeling that the Forest might be made to yield larger scientific results than it has hitherto.

I do not know what the salary of this position should be, but I suppose we can arrange this when I get back from Europe early in September, as the last payment on your present salary is on the first of that month.

Very truly yours,

A. L. Lowell

Professor Richard T. Fisher  
Petersham  
Massachusetts

Probably - F. W. Hunnewell  
President's Office  
Secretary of HU Corporation

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Harvard Trust

July 13, 1920

My dear Fisher:

As President Lowell is  
in Europe for the summer, will you  
be so good as to answer the enclosed?

Very truly yours,

J. W. H.

Secretary

Professor R. T. Fisher

Petersham, Mass.

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July 13, 1920

My dear Mr James:

President Lowell is in Europe for the summer; so I am forwarding your letter to Professor Fisher, asking him to give you what information he has.

Very truly yours,

*J. W. H.*

Secretary

Ellerton James, Esq.

10 Post Office Square

Boston, Mass.

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C O P Y.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF APPLIED BIOLOGY.

July 15, 1920.

Ellerton James, Esq.,  
10 Post Office Square,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to President Lowell has been referred to me for answer. It will be difficult for me to give you, without considerable labor, a complete financial statement for the Harvard Forest. We keep careful cost records and periodically make up financial statements. It is easy, however, to give you the main points about the operation. I will send you herewith a copy of the Harvard Bulletin in which these facts are summarized.

What I am chiefly interested in and what I take it this forest can well do is to work out the practical processes which are necessary to maintain and perpetuate the growth of the forests, to ascertain the cost of these measures and to demonstrate what relation these costs bear to the returns. Our experience is that we can secure a satisfactory reproduction here, after cutting, with an outlay ranging from ten to twenty dollars per acre. This does not include the cost of slash disposal which we figure from twenty-five to seventy-five cents per M feet cut, and which is properly a charge upon fire protection. The gross return per acre of timberland here runs from \$500.00 to \$1500.00, the cost of marketing from \$200.00 to \$900.00. Forestry cuts this return down only by the sum necessary for securing and tending a new crop. Since the new crop should produce as much and probably better timber than the old, the future net return should be at least as great as the present one; and even when you add the necessary fixed charges of interest, taxes and overhead there remains a final net return of several hundred dollars per acre.

I will send you some pamphlets which may interest you in this connection and I shall be glad to have you come some time and look over the Forest, when I could give you more specific data.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) R.T.Fisher  
Director.

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ELLERTON JAMES,  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
ROOM 87 DELTA BUILDING,  
10 POST OFFICE SQUARE,  
TELEPHONE, 4999 MAIN.

BOSTON, MASS., July 16, 1920.

A. Lawrence Lowell, Esq.,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lowell,

I am enclosing you copy of letter which I have just received from Professor Fisher which seems to me extremely vague and is utterly useless for my purposes. What I should like to have, if the figures are anywhere available, and it seems to me that in a properly managed business corporation they should be available, are the figures showing the amount of money spent up to date on the forest, including salaries, wages, fire protection, trees for planting, cost of lumber operations, in fact, everything which can properly be charged up to maintenance, and almost everything in such a forest should be charged up to maintenance, and on the other side the figures showing the total gross receipts from the forest up to date, together with any notes showing why the difference between the total expenditures and the total receipts is not fairly to be called the earnings of the forest during the years covered by the figures.

I have seen a great many articles and letters similar to this letter of Professor Fisher's written by various forest officers, but I have never yet seen the figures carefully compiled showing the outgo for a number of years on one side of the book so that it could be compared with the total receipts on the other side of the book. To be accurate, the figures should also show whether there is any charge made for the time of students who are working in the forest, because in a commercial enterprise everybody working on the job expects to be paid for his work. I take it that part of the object of the forest is to provide, as far as possible, data as to whether or not forestry operations conducted in a scientific manner can be made to pay.

Yours truly,

*Ellerton James*

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ABBOTT LAWRENCE LOWELL, A.B., LL.B., LL.D., Ph.D., *President.*

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Forestry.*

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JOHN MATTHEW GRIES, A.M., *Lecturer on Lumbering.*

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Harvard Forest

February 16, 1922

Dear Mr Fisher:

I am told by the Treasurer that Nathan Matthews has suggested giving to the University some land of his in Essex County planted with trees on the very thick German method. Can you tell me what would be the value to the University and to the forest of a plantation of that kind?

Very truly yours,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

Professor R. T. Fisher

Petersham, Mass.

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*Harvard Forest*  
*Petersham, Massachusetts*  
June 15, 1922

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JUN 21 1922

*O.K.*  
*A.L.L.*

Dear Mr. Lowell:

I think that perhaps I have overlooked reporting to you that I am counting on the re-appointment of Mr. J. Nelson Spaeth as Assistant to the Director of the Harvard Forest for the year 1922-23, and that, as for the current year, I shall be responsible for contributing that portion of his salary which is paid him for this assistantship. He is already re-appointed, I believe, as instructor in the Business School.

*(\$1500.)*

The work at Petersham promises to be even more extensive than last year, not only because of additional research students who are expected, but because of several research projects which we hope to undertake in cooperation with wood-working concerns.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*

R. T. Fisher  
Director

A. L. Lowell, President  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

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Harvard Forest

June 28, 1922

My dear Professor Fisher:

President Lowell, after consulting Mr Head, the Comptroller, has asked me to notify you that he approves of the budget for your department for the year 1922-23 as submitted by you calling for an expenditure of not more than \$9,175.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Fennewell

Secretary

Professor R.T. Fisher  
Weston, Mass.

*At a meeting of the  
President and Fellows of Harvard College  
in Boston, February 26, 1923*

Voted to accept the offer of one hundred thousand dollars  
for research in Forestry from an anonymous donor.

A true copy of record,

Attest:

*F. W. H. [Signature]*  
Secretary

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C O P Y

Groton, Mass., March 24, 1923

The President and Fellows of Harvard College,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

A friend of mine, who wishes to remain unknown, desires to present to the University the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.), to constitute an endowment fund for the Harvard Forest, to be forever held by said University, and to be known as the "Forest Production Research Fund": said fund to be accepted by the University under the following conditions:

(1) The principal of the said fund is to be held and managed by the said University as an endowment fund, the income only to be used each year by the University, and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned.

(2) The income of the said fund is to be used for research and experimental work in forest production, either on the present Forest or on lands that may hereafter be acquired and controlled, to determine the basic facts essential to the successful practice of silviculture in the northeastern section of the United States, especially in New England.

(3) It is understood that the sums now annually devoted by the University to the work of the Forest will be continued, so that the present resources of the Forest will be enlarged by the amount of the income of this endowment, said income to be expended under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Harvard Forest, subject to the approval of the President and Fellows.

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(4) Inasmuch as the dissemination of results is essential to the usefulness of research, the expense of publications may properly be met from this endowment.

If this gift is accepted by you, I will, on behalf of my principal, forward to the Treasurer cheque for \$100,000. within two weeks after notification of the formal acceptance.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM P. WHARTON

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April 4, 1923

Dear Mr Wharton:

We should be very glad to accept the endowment fund of \$100,000 for the Harvard Forest, which the anonymous donor so kindly offers us. The resources now annually available for the work of the Forest are a gross income from the sale of wood products varying from \$6000 to \$8000; an endowment of \$50,000, of which half the income goes to aid student research by scholarships, and half toward the salary of the Director; and approximately \$1500 from the Bussey Institution, also applied to the Director's salary. As the latter sum is mainly met by tuition fees from students of forestry, the budget of the Forest requires very little (last year about \$300) from the unrestricted funds of the University. This last is, therefore, the amount now annually devoted by the University to the work of the Forest within the meaning of your letter. The endowment of your friend, with what we have already will make a firm foundation for the work of the Forest.

Very truly yours,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

William P. Wharton, Esq.

Groton, Mass.

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April 10, 1923

My dear Mr Wharton:

Professor Fisher has just shown me your letter of April 8th in regard to the anonymous offer of \$100,000 for research in Forestry. I understand that Mr Hunnewell has explained to you the delay in notifying you of the action of the Corporation at their meeting on February 26th. This was while I was in England, and I did not hear of the matter until I returned in the middle of March. I am making arrangements to have the gift announced on April 14th, and will make certain that your name is not connected with the matter in any way.

Very truly yours,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

William Pickman Wharton, Esquire

Fiveoaks Farm

Groton, Massachusetts

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April 10, 1923

My dear Willie:

I am enclosing a copy of the vote of the Corporation passed at their meeting on February 26th. As it was an anonymous gift I did not know that you wished a copy of it sent to you, but notified Professor Fisher instead, thinking that he would pass the vote along. I did not explain this matter sufficiently to him, and he thought the copy of the vote which I sent was for his own use. I am sorry that there has been this delay, and hope that it has not caused you any inconvenience.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Manswell

Secretary.

William Pickman Wharton, Esquire  
Fiveoaks Farm  
Groton, Massachusetts

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*Harvard Forest  
Petersham, Massachusetts*

May 26, 1923

Mr. F. W. Hunnewell  
Secretary to the Corporation  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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JUN 4 - 1923

Dear Hunnewell:

I submit herewith recommendations for appointments on the Harvard Forest. These are all for one year, and the salaries are chargeable to special funds as indicated. I should like to have the salaries of Messrs. Cline and Gast date from July 1, 1923 since field work will continue throughout the summer. Spaeth is a recommendation for re-appointment.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*  
R. T. Fisher *Director*

RTF:AMM

Harvard Forest  
Appointments Recommended for 1923-24  
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<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Assistant to the Director <i>to HF</i>	<i>J. N</i> J. Nelson Spaeth	\$2500	Forest Production Research Fund \$1000 Guarantee by R. T. Fisher \$1500
Research Assistant	<i>short</i> <i>collins</i> A. C. Cline	\$1000	Forest Production Research Fund
" "	<i>and report</i> P. R. Gast	\$1200	Forest Production Research Fund

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May 29, 1923

My dear Professor Fisher:

The appointments of Mr Cline and Mr Gast, if they date from July 1st, 1923, will have to run to July 1st, 1924, as appointments cannot be made for more than one year without the consent of the Board of Overseers. This is in certain ways a rather inconvenient thing to do, as the usual date for annual appointments is September 1st. However, if you want it done this way I see no real objection, provided that you will remember that they expire on July 1st, 1924, and not on September 1st, 1924.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Munroe

Secretary.

Professor R.T. Fisher

Petersham

Massachusetts

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May 29, 1923

My dear Charlie:

Will you make a note in your office that Professor R.T.Fisher agrees to guarantee \$1500 towards the salary for next year of Mr J. Nelson Spaeth, who is to be appointed Assistant to the Director of the Harvard Forest?

Very truly yours,

R. W. Munnewell  
Secretary.

C.F.Adams, Esquire  
50 State Street  
Boston

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(INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SHEET)

*Cambridge, Massachusetts*

June 4, 1923

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Mr. F. W. Hunnewell  
University Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Hunnewell:

In regard to the appointments of Messrs. Cline and  
Gast as Research Assistants on the Harvard Forest, it will be  
quite satisfactory if they are made to run between July 1, 1923  
and July 1, 1924.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*

R. T. Fisher

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October 1, 1923

My dear Professor Fisher:

I am enclosing a notice which has just come to the College in regard to a dam at Petersham. Can you look after this matter for the College?

Very truly yours,

F. W. Hunnewell

Secretary.

Professor R.T.Fisher

Petersham, Massachusetts

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
NORTHEASTERN FOREST EXPERIMENT STATION

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
THE DIRECTOR  
AND REFER TO



AMHERST, MASS.

December 26, 1923.

RS  
Cooperation  
Forest Research

Pres. Abbott L. Lowell,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear President Lowell:

I am sending the enclosed material in the belief that you may be interested to know something of the objects, activities, and plans of the recently established Northeastern Forest Experiment Station. Copies are also being sent to Professor Fisher at the Harvard Forest, to Doctor Sargent at the Arnold Arboretum, and to Doctor Bailey at the Bussey Institute, from whom specific information as to forest investigations already under way or planned at Harvard University will doubtless be received, together with suggestions as to problems most in need of study. If there are any other men at Harvard who are conducting studies in forestry or closely related fields, I should appreciate if you would either send me their names or bring the matter directly to their attention with the request that they

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communicate with me. Any comments you may care to make regarding the work of the Forest Experiment Station will also be most welcome.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. T. Davis".

Director.

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President A. Lawrence Lowell  
17 University Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lowell:

The following is a memorandum of the appointments to the staff of the Harvard Forest which I discussed with you yesterday, and which I ask to have the corporation make.

*Alms*  
Albert C. Cline, to be Assistant to the Director and Instructor in Forestry for one year from July 1, 1924 at a salary of \$2500. To meet this salary \$1500 is to be allotted from the Forest Production Research Fund, and \$1000 is to come from contributions by the New England Box Company to be paid through me, and for which I will be responsible.

*Robert*  
Paul R. Gast, to be Instructor in Forestry for one year from July 1, 1924 at a salary of \$1600. This salary is to be paid from the Forest Production Research Fund.

*John*  
J. Nelson Spaeth, already reappointed Assistant to the Director for one year from September 1, 1924, is expecting to leave our service sometime during the next few months. His salary, as during the present year, is \$2500. Pending his departure I should like to have this met by appropriation of \$1000 from the Forest Production Research Fund, and \$1500 from anonymous contributions which I will turn over to the Treasurer.

The balance of the income from the Forest Production Research Fund, approximately \$1300, I wish to reserve for field expenses, equipment, and laboratory supplies required in our investigative work.

Respectfully,

*R. J. Fisher*

Director of the Harvard Forest

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DEPARTMENT OF SILVICULTURE AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

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Harvard Forest  
Petersham, Massachusetts

June 17/24

Dear Hummel,

The appointments of Messrs. Cline & East, requested to be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, are stated on your notification to them to begin Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Can you, seeing the money is available, and the work contracted for, correct this?

Sincerely yours

D. J. Fisher

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August 27, 1924.

Mr. Hunnewell,  
Secretary of Harvard University,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts.

My dear Sir:

By arrangement with Professor Richard T. Fisher I am resigning my appointment as Assistant to the Director of the Harvard Forest to accept an appointment as Asst. Research Professor in the Department of Forestry at Cornell University, said resignation to take effect October 1st. I have notified Mr. Endicott of this change.

Respectfully yours

*J. Nelson Spaeth*  
J. Nelson Spaeth.

103 Winton Road South,  
Rochester, New York.

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September 17, 1924

My dear Professor Fisher:

I have received notice from Mr Spaeth that he is resigning from October 1st. Our annual appointments ordinarily run from September to September. Would it be all right for me to date his resignation September 1st, or should it be October 1st, as he suggests, which of course would mean that he would have to be paid for the month of September.

Very truly yours,

F. W. WILSON

Secretary

Professor Richard T. Fisher

Petersham, Mass.

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January 26, 1925

My dear Professor Fisher:

Can you tell me if there are to be any persons at the Harvard Forest next year who will hold Corporation appointments, and if so, what their salaries are to be. At present the following have Corporation appointments, which expire at the end of the year:

Assistant to the Director and Instructor A.C. Cline ...	\$2500
Instructor P.R. Gast .....	1600

Very truly yours,

*W. W. H. H. H.*

Secretary

Professor R. T. Fisher

Petersham, Massachusetts

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Harvard Forest  
Petersham, Massachusetts

February 4, 1925.

OF RECORD

FEB 9 1925

F. W. Hunnewell, Esq.  
University Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Hunnewell:

I should like to have Messrs. A. C. Cline and P. R. Gast reappointed with the same titles and at the same salaries with which they are serving during the present academic year. Their salaries are to be met from the same funds as this year.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*

Director of the Harvard Forest

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July 1, 1925  
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March 14, 1925

Dear Mr Fisher:

We need a tall elm in front of University Hall in place of the one that died. I suppose you have this in mind, but the season is getting on. Also we need two - probably smaller ones - one each in front of the new dormitories on each side of Holden Chapel.

Do not be troubled by absurd rumors that you hear, which I am told have started from my saying that we abolished the School of Forestry as an ordinary professional school. Nobody has the slightest intention of interfering with the research in forestry which you are conducting.

Very truly yours,

ALEXANDER LOVELL

Professor R. T. Fisher

Petersham, Massachusetts

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March 24, 1925

Dear Mr Fisher:

I am sorry that you have been bothered by absurd misconstructions of what I said about forestry in Washington, but it seems impossible to avoid misquotation. In illustrating the need of restricting the things we undertake in order that we may achieve excellence in those which we do, I cited the discontinuance of the School of Forestry, which was not needed; and the transfer of our work in that field to research, where we can render, and are rendering, a real service to silviculture and to the country. You know as well as I do that there is no intention whatever of discontinuing, or in any way diminishing, this use of the Harvard Forest.

Very truly yours,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

Professor Richard T. Fisher

Petersham, Massachusetts

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RICHARD THORNTON FISHER  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FORESTRY

Petersham  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

OF RECORD June 6/25  
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Dear Mr. Lowell,

During the past year the Harvard Forest has started a large amount of experimental forestry in cooperation with local owners. This work has the double value of adding to technical knowledge and getting better methods actually into practice. Temporarily I need an assistant to help carry these projects ~~to~~ along. The money to pay for him is already available - in part from interested trustee owners - and I will send it to the Treasurer as soon as the appointment is approved. I am asking, <sup>therefore,</sup> if the Corporation will appoint Neil G. Hosley <sup>we have</sup> as "Forest Assistant" for one year from July 1st 1925 with a salary of \$1800. Hosley has been here this year as a research student, and in junction with the work for which I want him.

Very truly yours  
R. T. Fisher

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June 9, 1925

My dear Professor Fisher:

I am glad to be able to  
inform you that the Corporation  
yesterday appointed Mr N.W. Hosley  
as Forest Assistant for next year.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Hinneman

Secretary

Professor R. T. Fisher

Petersham, Mass.

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August 26, 1925

My dear Fisher:

I am checking over the salaries for next year and want to ask how much Mr. Gast is to be paid. I believe it is \$1600, but do not feel sure.

Very truly yours,

F. H. Bonnewell

Secretary

Professor Richard T. Fisher  
Director of Harvard Forestry  
Petersham, Massachusetts.

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Petersham, Massachusetts*

August 28, 1925.

F. W. Hunnewell, Esq.  
5 University Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Hunnewell:

Mr. Gast's salary for next year is \$1600, as  
you assumed.

Very truly yours,

*P. J. Fisher*

Director of the Harvard Forest

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N. W. HOSLEY, FOREST ASSISTANT  
A. H. UPHAM, SUPERINTENDENT

PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

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February 12, 1926.

C. Saeger, Esq.  
Lehman Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Saeger:

I am returning herewith the salary sheet for the academic year 1926-27. I should like to have the salary of Mr. Hosley put at \$2000 with the understanding that the same provision for its payment will be made as for the current academic year. [Does this indicate that RTF + his wife funded it?]

In the case of Mr. Gast, there may be a revision downward in case an arrangement now being discussed is effected with the U. S. Forest Service. He may be offered an appointment under which the service will pay a much larger proportion of his salary than at present. I will make a final recommendation for his salary as soon as the matter is settled.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*

Director of the Harvard Forest

*Revised salary sheet submitted & attached herewith  
March 25.*

*R. T. Fisher*

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A. H. UPHAM, SUPERINTENDENT

PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

July 9, 1950

Frank C. Mansweller Esq.  
University Hall  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mansweller:-

So far we have received no notifications from your office of the reappointment of the members of the staff of the Harvard Forest. Can you tell us if these appointments have been acted upon?

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*

Director of the Harvard Forest

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July 12, 1926

My dear Mr Fisher:

The staff of the Harvard  
Forest for the coming year has not yet  
been appointed by the Corporation.  
I do not find that Dean Wheeler, or  
anyone else, has notified me as yet as  
to who they are to be.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Whitwell

Secretary

Richard T. Fisher, Esq.

Petersham, Mass.

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A. H. UPHAM, SUPERINTENDENT

PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

July 15, 1926

F. W. Hunnewell Esq.  
University Hall  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hunnewell:-

I am puzzled to hear that there is no record of recommendations for the reappointment and salaries of the staff of the Harvard Forest. While Mr. Saeger was conducting your work, I personally submitted the recommendations to him and saw them filed in your office. Please look this matter up and let me know if the record has disappeared. I am the more surprised because Mr. Saeger himself asked me to make haste with these recommendations so that they could be acted upon by the Corporation.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*

Director of the Harvard Forest

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July 19, 1926

My dear Mr Fisher:

Thank you for your letter of July 15th. I have found the salary sheet which you made out for Mr Saeger. He evidently filed it away without presenting it to the Corporation. I will see that their names are brought up at the next Corporation meeting, which will be on the opening day of College. If any of these men should receive anything during the summer, please let me know. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall assume that they are all to be annual appointments and are to date from September 1st, 1926.

Very truly yours,

V. W. [Signature]  
Secretary

Richard T. Fisher, Esq.  
Harvard Forest  
Petersham, Mass.

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July 19, 1926

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Memorandum for next Corporation Meeting

Matter for Action

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<i>Forest Prod.</i>	Assistant to the Director and Instructor	<i>of the Harvard Forest</i>
	A. C. Cline -----	\$2800 x
<i>Forest Prod.</i>	Instructor P. R. Gast -----	\$1200 x
<i>Sifts</i>	Forest Assistant N. W. Hosley	\$2000 x

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Albert Collins Cline  
Paul Rufert Gast  
Neil Wetmore Hosley

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N. W. HOSLEY, FOREST ASSISTANT  
A. H. UPHAM, SUPERINTENDENT

PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

July 21, 1926

F. W. Hunnewell Esq.  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hunnewell:-

About the Harvard Forest appointments for 1926: I am relieved to hear that you have found the salary sheet. All the appointments recommended there are annual. All the incumbents receive a salary continuously, inasmuch as they are reappointments from last year. In the case of Mr. Gast, whose salary is paid from the Forest Production Research Fund, it may be that his appointment should date from July 1st, inasmuch as that is the beginning of the fiscal year. You can settle this by reference to last year's records.

Very truly yours,



Director of the Harvard Forest

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January 31, 1927

My dear Mr. Fisher:

I am enclosing the salary sheet of the Harvard Forest for the year 1927-28, having noted in pencil the annual appointments and salaries as they exist this year. Will you please indicate on the sheet if there are to be any changes in the salaries for next year. I should also like to know the names of the annual appointees, if they have been decided upon as yet.

Please return this sheet to me in time for me to file it with the Bursar by March 1.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Cunnawell  
Secretary

Mr. R. T. Fisher

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January 27, 1927

Dear Governor Fuller:

I write this to introduce to you Professor Fisher, the Director of the Harvard Forest at Petersham, who is anxious to have a talk with you about the forest situation in Massachusetts. I think you will find that he is not only full of information on the subject, but also looks at the matter from a very detached point of view, which may be useful to you.

Very truly yours,

*A. Lawrence Lowell*

*A. Lawrence Lowell  
President of Harvard*

His Excellency Alvan T. Fuller

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March 28, 1927

My dear Professor Fisher:

On page 280 of the Treasurer's  
Statement for 1925-26 in the list of  
gifts for immediate use I find the  
following under the heading of  
"Gifts for Trees"

Class of 1883	\$50
Robert L. McCook	239.74

Can you tell me anything about  
these gifts and what you think should  
be done with the money.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Burnham

Secretary

Professor R. T. Fisher

Petersham

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April 13, 1927.

F. W. Hunnewell, Esq.  
University Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hunnewell:

As I had occasion to write to Mr. Lowell about the salary question on the Harvard Forest, I enclosed with my letter for explanatory purposes the salary sheet of the Forest for 1927-28 which you sent me to fill out some time ago.

Very truly yours,



Director

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April 12/27

Dear Mr. Lowell,

In accordance with our recent talk I am asking approval of the Corporation to a plan for increasing the salaries of the Director and assistant director of the Harvard Forest. The salaries of the two are now respectively \$3000 and \$2800. While the salary of the Director is for the present not important, that of Mr. Cline must certainly be raised on we shall lose a man of the highest value who could not be replaced at any price in less than three years. Sooner or later we must have an endowment to make suitable salaries possible, and I feel confident that the service the Forest is performing for forestry and forest industries will bring us substantial gifts before long.

Meanwhile, I propose to underwrite for five (5) years an annual guarantee of \$500, with the expectation that at the end of the period, not less than this amount will be provided by additional endowment. This will make it possible to put the salary of the Director at \$3500. I will then turn back the \$500 to be allocated to salaries of the staff as may seem expedient. The accompanying budget sheet shows the allocation proposed for 1927-28. I should I like to have this arrangement anonymous.

Very truly yours  
R. T. Fisher

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April 20, 1927

My dear Mr Fisher:

I cannot seem to find the salary sheet which you say you returned to President Lowell. If you will tell me what the salaries are to be next year, in so far as you now know them, I will make out another copy. This year the salaries are as follows:

Ass't to Director and	
Instructor Cline, A.C. ---	\$2800
Instructor Gast, P R. -----	1200
Forest Ass't Hosley, N.W. ----	2000

Very truly yours,

F. W. Cummings

Secretary

Richard T. Fisher, Esq.

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Petersham, Mass.

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Harvard Yard

May 6, 19

My dear Professor Fisher:

Some weeks ago I wrote you about a balance of \$87.62 which stands on the Treasurer's books as the Ames - Butler Gift, and which has not been used since 1933-24. Have you been able to find out anything about it and if so will you let me know what should be done with it?

Very truly yours,

(Signature)

Secretary

Professor R. T. Fisher  
Petersham  
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PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

August 9, 1927.

Mr. F.W. Hunnewell, Secretary  
5 University Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hunnewell:

The July salary checks for Mr. Cline, Mr. Gast and myself did not arrive, so I wrote Mr. Saeger about them. He writes that he has received no instructions from you to pay these salaries since July first. I received my new appointment under date of April 25, 1927 and I am quite sure the others have theirs. Will you kindly take the matter up with the Bursar?

Yours very truly,

*N.W. Hosley*  
N.W. Hosley

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August 11, 1927

My dear Mr Fisher:

The appointment of Messrs Cline, Gast and Hosley have always been one year from the first of July. This causes some confusion as all other Corporation appointments date from September 1. When their present appointments expire on July 1, 1928, I think it would be well to change this and make their appointments conform with the usual university practice.

Very truly yours,

~~F. W. Hunnewell~~  
Secretary

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R. T. Fisher, Esq.

Petersham

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August 11, 1927

My dear Saeger:

Mr A.C.Cline, Mr P.R.Gast and Mr N.W.Hosley have all been reappointed to their positions in the Harvard Forest for one year from July 1, 1927, and their salaries are included in the budget which has been approved. Will you therefore please see that they are continued at the following rates for the year:

Mr Cline	\$3000
Mr Gast	\$1200
Mr Hosley	\$2000

Kindly send them now the cheques for the amounts which are due them on the first of August. These salaries will be voted by the Corporation at their first meeting in September.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Murnaghan  
Secretary

Mr W. C. Saeger, Bursar

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August 11, 1927

My dear Mr Hosley:

Thank you for your letter of August 9. I am asking Mr Saeger, the Bursar, to see that your salaries are continued. The appointments have been made and the salaries as submitted by Mr Fisher are as follows:

A.C.Cline	\$3000
P.R.Gast	\$1200
N.W.Hosley	\$2000

Very truly yours,

E. W. Munnell

Secretary

N.W.Hosley, Esq.

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May 24, 1928.

F. W. Hunnewell, Esq.  
University Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hunnewell:

I suppose it is time to submit recommendations for next year's appointments to the Corporation, especially those men whose appointments date from July 1. Will you be kind enough to send me the usual salary sheet with the names and rates of pay of the present staff of the Harvard Forest?

*This may already have been  
changed to Sept. 1 as per  
letter of last August.*

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*

Director

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May 28, 1928

My dear Mr Fisher:

I am enclosing a salary sheet  
for the Harvard Forest for 1928-29.  
The salaries as they appear this year  
are as follows:

A.C.Cline	\$3000
P.R.Gast	\$1200
N.W.Hosley	\$2000

The appointments of these men all  
expife on July 1.

Very truly yours,

F.W. Munroe

Secretary

Mr R.F.Fisher

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

June 2, 1928.

Mr. F.W.Hunnewell,  
5, University Hall,  
Harvard University,  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Hunnewell,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
official notification of appointment as Professor  
of Forest Pathology, and shall report for service  
at the time specified.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Faull*

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Cambridge, Massachusetts

Memorandum for the next meeting of the  
Corporation  
Matter for Action

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JUN 20 1928

The reappointment of Albert  
Collins Cline as Ass't to the Director  
of the Harvard Forest and Instructor in  
Forestry. Salary \$3000.

Paul Rupert Gast, Instructor  
in Forestry, Salary \$1,300.

Neil Wetmore Hosley, Forest  
Assistant. Salary \$2500.

June 8, 1928

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H.F. Histry  
Schwarz

Bronxville, N. Y.,  
November 23, 1928.

The President and Fellows of Harvard College  
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

I desire herewith to offer two gifts to Harvard University for certain specific purposes, presently to be explained.

First, a certain tract of forested land, to which I hold title, containing about forty-five acres, situated in the westerly part of Petersham, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The tract lies near one of the three parcels that constitute the Harvard Forest of demonstration and research at Petersham.

It is my desire and intention that this gift, if accepted, shall become a part of the Harvard Forest and that it shall serve primarily as an experimental area in the study of aesthetic or landscape forestry. Because of its high, picturesque situation and variety of growth, I believe it to be well adapted for such a purpose, although somewhat limited in size. The aim would be to show the effect which practical forest operations may have on the scenic values of the forest and how such operations sometimes may be modified to advantage without undue sacrifice to financial returns, it being my purpose to bring about a broader conception and better understanding of the nature and value of landscape forestry and of its relation to the more comprehensive subject of general or economic forestry.

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It is not my intention, however, to impose restrictive conditions on the ultimate use or disposition of this tract. Its limited size and possibly other considerations, not now foreseen, may make it impracticable to carry out the primary intentions of the gift. In that event, of course, a different form of management or even a sale of the tract, may be deemed advisable.

Secondly, I offer a gift of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.-), which shall constitute a fund, the income from which is intended to be used, at the discretion of the Director of the Harvard Forest, in more effectually carrying out the purposes expressed in the preceding paragraphs. If its use on the tract which has been mentioned should be found inadvisable, I would express the wish that the income and, if necessary, a part or all of the principal be used to illustrate the principles of scenic forestry on other parts of the Harvard Forest; and if it should appear to the Director of the Harvard Forest that the objects may be more successfully attained in some other manner, as, for example, by theoretic instruction, by research, or otherwise, it would be my wish that he should herein exercise his own free will and absolute discretion.

I shall be glad to hear from you at an early date. If these gifts are acceptable, as I hope they may be, I shall immediately have a deed prepared conveying the real estate, as I should like, if possible, to make the

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transfer of the land, as well as the gift in cash,  
before the close of the year.

Believe me, very truly and respectfully  
yours,

(Signed) G. Frederick Schwarz,  
806 Bronx River Road,  
Bronxville, New York.

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Bronxville, N. Y.,  
December 3rd, 1928.

F. W. Hunnewell, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hunnewell:

Referring again to my letter of November 23rd, 1928, I would like to ask how a deed of real estate should be made out for the purpose expressed in said letter. Would it be proper to name as the grantee simply "Harvard University", or the "Treasurer of Harvard University", or would it be more correct to say "President and Fellows of Harvard College"?

I was hoping by this time to have a reply to my recent letter, as the time for making the final arrangements before the holiday week is becoming rather short. However, if I had the above information within a day or two, I could have a deed prepared in time to be used for transfer of the property as soon as I should receive a confirmatory letter accepting the gift.

The check for the proposed gift of \$2500.= could, of course, be sent at short notice. In this connection I would like to ask the same question: Would such a check be made payable to "The President and Fellows of Harvard College"?

Very sincerely yours,

*G. Frederick Schwarz*

806 Bronx River Road,  
Bronxville, N. Y.

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December 4, 1928.

My dear Mr Schwarz:

Your letter of December 3 must have crossed mine of the same date. I am sorry that there has been this delay, but the Corporation wished to consult Mr Fisher in regard to several matters. One of them, I believe, was the question of taxation, as the college has already taken a great deal of land in Petersham out of taxation. The legal name of the Corporation which holds all property of the University is "the President and Fellows of Harvard College", and the check should be made out in the same way.

Yours very truly,

Mr G. Frederick Schwarz  
806 Bronx River Road  
Bronxville, N. Y.

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BREMER W. POND, *Chairman*  
Robinson Hall

December 4, 1928.

President A. Lawrence Lowell,  
University Hall,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Lowell:

I have received from Mr. Frost your note of November 27th, and its accompanying enclosure. Professor Hubbard and I have read the letter from Mr. Schwarz and we recommend the acceptance of his two gifts for the following reasons:

- (a) Interesting and worth while experiments in aesthetic forestry could be carried on there, and such as have not been tried elsewhere so far as we know, relating particularly to the direct record of expenses in making a forested area better looking, or in foresting a given area in such a way as to keep it good looking.
- (b) The terms of the gift appear to be so broad that we can see no serious difficulties for the future, since the tract may even be sold should conditions warrant it.
- (c) The income from twenty-five hundred dollars, approximately one hundred and twenty-five dollars a year, will probably pay the taxes on the tract should it seem advisable to do so for the benefit of the town.
- (d) In the event that the land is sold, the use of the income from this other and separate fund is left to the discretion of the Director of the Harvard Forest.

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December 4, 1928.

President A. Lawrence Lowell.

Should the gifts be accepted both Professor Hubbard and I will be glad to go over the ground with Professor Fisher and talk with him about possible and interesting lines of development for problems in aesthetic forestry such as Mr. Schwarz suggests.

Very truly yours,

Bremer W. Pond

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December 5, 1928

Dear Mr Schwarz:

I laid your letter before the Corporation, and have also consulted Mr Fisher and the Department of Landscape Architecture. I am now authorized to say that the Corporation will accept with great gratitude your offer of the land in Petersham and of \$2500 for the endowment thereof. I hope you will excuse the delay, but we thought it only proper to communicate with our expert officials before acting on their behalf. I need hardly say that they are very much pleased.

Yours very sincerely,

LOWELL

G. Frederick Schwarz, Esq.

806 Bronx River Road

Bronxville, New York

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Dear Mr Fisher;

I am just writing to Mr Sch  
to tell him that the Corporation gra  
accepts his offer of the land in Pete  
and of the \$2500 endowment therefor.

Yours very sincerely,

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Richard T. Fisher, Esq.  
Petersham, Massachusetts

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PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

December 5, 1928.

A. Lawrence Lowell, Esq.  
University Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lowell:

The selectmen of Petersham, whom I have interviewed about the gift of land which Mr. Schwarz wishes to make to the Harvard Forest, are unanimous in the opinion that it would be well for the town that the Forest should accept the gift. Yesterday I telegraphed you to this effect so that you may now make such answer to Mr. Schwarz as the Corporation desires. Naturally you are aware from our talk of the other day that I believe it would be well for us to have Mr. Schwarz's property, especially in view of the endowment which he will make for its development and upkeep.

Very truly yours,

*R. T. Fisher*

Director

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Frankville, N. Y.  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1928.

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F. W. Hunnewell, Esq.  
5 University-Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hunnewell:

I regret that there has been a delay in the preparation of the deed for the land in Petersham, as my attorney has been absent from Boston, but I shall forward it next week, together with the cheque for \$2500.- At that time I shall also personally acknowledge the kind letter recently received from President Lowell.

Very truly yours,

G. Frederick Schwarz

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Bronxville, N. Y.,  
December 26th, 1928.

F. W. Hallowell, Esq.  
Secretary to the Corporation,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hallowell:-

I am enclosing the title deed and check, together with certain additional deeds and papers in reference thereto, also a personal letter to President Lowell. I regret that there has been some delay in sending these papers, but it was unavoidable.

I am very much pleased with the final outcome of this matter and especially well pleased that it was so heartily approved of by both President Lowell and Professor Richard T. Fisher.

Very sincerely yours,

*George Frederick Schwarz.*

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Bronxville, N. Y.,  
December 26th, 1928.

My dear Mr. Lowell:-

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your kind letter of December fifth.

It is with great pleasure that I now enclose the deed conveying my title to the land in Petersham to the President and Fellows of Harvard College. I am also enclosing various documents confirmatory of the deed, including those mentioned in the third paragraph of said deed; also an "abstract of title" prepared in 1912 at the time of purchase, by my attorney, Otis Weld Richardson, Esq., of Boston.

I may add that the "buildings and structures", mentioned in the first paragraph, are very simple in character: a small furnished camp, fences, corner and bound stones, etc.

I am also enclosing my cheque for \$2,500., as the second part of my gift.

I am especially pleased to have been allowed to contribute, in however modest a way, toward some effort that may possibly be made to bring about a closer relationship between the scenic and economic aspects of the forest.

Very truly and sincerely yours,

(Signed) G. Frederick Schwarz

To  
President A. Lawrence Lowell,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

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December 28, 1928.

My dear Mr Schwarz:

I have received your letter of December 26, enclosing the check for \$2,500, and have also received the title deeds of the land. In behalf of President Lowell, who is out of town, I wish to thank you for the same. I am forwarding your check to the Treasurer who will send you a formal acknowledgment.

Yours very truly,

Wm. Hunnewell

Mr G. Frederick Schwarz

806 Bronx River Road

Bronxville, New York

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December 29, 1928.

My dear Charlie:

I am enclosing a  
check for \$2,500 from Mr. G. Frederick  
Schwarz, also the deeds for certain  
lands in Petersham, Massachusetts,  
which he is conveying to the University,  
together with two letters from him  
concerning these gifts.

Yours very truly,

Hunnell  
Secretary -  
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Charles F. Adams, Esq.

75 State Street

Boston, Mass.

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January 11, 1929.

My dear Fisher:

At a meeting of the Corporation last Monday the Treasurer reported the receipt of \$2,500 from Mr Schwartz to establish the G. Frederick Schwartz Fund, the income to be used at the discretion of the director, in connection with a tract in Petersham which he has just given to the Harvard Forest. In giving this land he expresses a desire that, without imposing a condition, it be used as an experimental area in the study of aesthetic or landscape forestry. In order to show the effect which practical forest operations may have on the scenic value of the forest and how such operations sometimes may be modified to advantage without undue sacrifice to financial returns, the donor further states that the income of the fund and principal, if necessary, may be used to illustrate the principles of scenic forestry in other parts of the forest. If, however, it should appear that the objects may be more successfully attained in some other manner, -for example, by theoretic instruction or research, it is the donor's wish that the director should herein exercise his own free will and discretion.

Yours very truly,

Mr Richard T. Fisher, Director

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PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Love Lane, Weston, Mass.

February 24, 1930.

F. W. Hunnewell, Esq.  
University Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hunnewell:

But for illness I should have written you before in regard to your two recent letters on the funds of the Harvard Forest.

As I recall it, your first letter (now in Petersham) referred to funds donated for the purpose of maintaining the Pisgah primeval forest area at Winchester, New Hampshire as a Harvard Forest endowment. Would it not be better, as I have done hitherto in dealings with the Bursar's office, to refer to this as "Pisgah Forest Endowment" or "Harvard Forest Endowment (Pisgah Fund)"?

The endowment at present being raised and which you refer to in your letter of the 20th is the first and only Harvard Forest endowment without special name or limitation of purpose.

Very truly yours,



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February 26, 1930

My dear Mr Fisher:

Thank you for your letter of February 24. On looking the matter up, I find that I have already changed the name of the fund which was received in 1929 from "Harvard Forest Endowment, 1929" to "Pisgah Forest Endowment, 1929", so I think that there will be no confusion.

Yours very truly,

F. W. Hunnell

R. T. Fisher, Esq.

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Aug 8/30

Dear Humevell,

Here is the salary sheet of the Harvard Forest  
for 1930-31. It specifies certain promotions and  
changes of title, made possible by the indorsement  
completed July 1, 1930. All these appointments, if  
approved, I assume will date from Sept. 1, 1930,  
thereby putting our salary period in line with that in  
other departments of the University.

Very truly yours  
R. T. Fisher

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(INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SHEET)

*Cambridge, Massachusetts*

For one year from September 1, 1930.

Albert Collins Cline

Assistant to the Director of the  
Harvard Forest

Neil Wetmore Hosley

Instructor in Forestry

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September 16, 1931.

My dear Mr Fisher:

I find that I have never been notified about the following salaries in the Forestry School for 1931-32:

A. C. Cline  
P. R. Gast  
N. W. Hosley

Will you let me have this in time for the Corporation meeting on September 28?

Yours very truly,

F. W. Munnewell

Secretary

Richard T. Fisher, Esq.

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September 29, 1931

Dear Mr Fisher:

In consolidating the Bussey Faculty with the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, I find that the Division of Biology prefer to use the titles Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy rather than Master and Doctor of Science. Now your students have had the degrees of Master of Forestry. Do you prefer to keep that as an independent title or would you prefer to have it Master of Arts in Forestry?

Yours very sincerely,

Richard T. Fisher, Esq.  
Petersham, Mass.

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PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

April 12, 1933.

President A. Lawrence Lowell,  
University Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lowell:

I should be glad if you would consider the advisability of restoring the tuition fee for students at the Harvard Forest who take no course work in Cambridge and who are occupied exclusively with an investigative project under the staff of the Forest to the figure of several years ago, \$250. Under the present increasingly close relations with other biological departments, especially the Arboretum and the Department of Botany, we have students who are candidates for the doctorate or for the master's degree, involving considerable work in regular courses. For these two classes of men, the present tuition fee of \$400 is obviously just and necessary.

On the other hand, there are many reasons why the straight M.F. candidate, as defined above, should pay the reduced fee. The fee at Yale, for example, for graduate students of forestry is \$200; and at a number of state universities offering ostensibly comparable work, there is no tuition. At the lower or original fee we should probably have enough students to equal or exceed the return we are now getting; and the room rents in Petersham, reduced by the necessity of some of our men living in Cambridge, would go farther toward meeting the upkeep of our headquarters building. Our scholarship endowment (The Bliss Fund), originally intended to meet the tuition with something over for four or five men, now suffices on this basis for only two. Finally, the men for whom this reduction is recommended are analogous to candidates for the doctorate, who, in their final year when occupied exclusively with their theses, pay only \$200.

Respectfully yours,



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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

20 UNIVERSITY HALL  
April 17, 1933

Dear Mr. Lowell:

I have consulted Dean Chase about the correspondence with Mr. Fisher concerning the possibility of reducing the tuition fee for candidates for the Master's degree in Forestry to the old level of \$250. Both Mr. Chase and I feel that this is not actually a question of free tuition and therefore one which need not be ruled on by our committee. We feel strongly, and I know Professor Blake would agree, that since these men are candidates for a degree, they should pay the full tuition as established by the Corporation and this full tuition at the present time is, for the candidates for the Master's degree in Forestry, \$400.

Mr. Chase and I do feel, however, that since certain men, candidates for the Master's degree in Forestry, do their whole work at the School of Forestry and since the tuition fees they pay do not go back wholly or in part to the School of Forestry it would be just to establish for three or four such men each year Graduate School scholarships of \$150 each. Under the present appropriation for Graduate School scholarships I think we could meet this expense without difficulty and if this procedure were allowed, Mr. Fisher's difficulty would be taken care of since he could allow three or four men each year these extra scholarships which would in effect reduce their tuition to \$250 each. At the present time the School of Forestry has very limited scholarship funds and unlike other graduate departments does not participate in any way in the general scholarship funds used for the Graduate School. It seems to me only fair that it should, provided you approve. Dean Chase agrees with me on this.

Sincerely yours,

*Kenneth B. Murdock*

President A. Lawrence Lowell

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April 18, 1933.

Dear Mr Fisher:

I have consulted Dean Murdock about the reduction in tuition you propose, and he makes a suggestion in the enclosed letter, which seems to me desirable, and if it does so to you will you send it back with your approval and I will lay it before the Corporation next Monday.

Yours very sincerely,  
A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

Richard T. Fisher, Esq.

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PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

April 20, 1933.

President A. Lawrence Lowell,  
University Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lowell:

I think Dean Murdock's proposal for meeting the tuition fee dilemma for candidates for the degree of Master of Forestry by the establishment of three or four scholarships of \$150 each is entirely satisfactory.

I am returning herewith his letter to you.

Very sincerely yours,

*R. Y. Fisher*

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