

Harvard forest

February 23, 1934

My dear Mr Fisher:

I am enclosing the salary sheet of the Harvard Forest for 1934-35, having included the name of Mr P. R. East and noted that the appointment of Mr Cline expires at the end of the year. The salaries indicated are those for the present year. Will you kindly note if there is to be any change.

Yours very truly,
E. W. Fernald
Secretary

Mr R. T. Fisher
Harvard Forest

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HARVARD FOREST
PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Biological Laboratories,
Cambridge, Mass.
March 12, 1934.

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

OF RECORD

JUN 18 1934

Dear Mr. Hunnewell:

I am returning herewith the salary sheet for the staff of the Harvard Forest during the year '34-35. Mr. N. W. Hosley, Instructor, whose appointment expires this year I should like to have reappointed at the same salary as at present for another term of three years, except for the year '34-35, during which I should like to have him granted leave of absence on half pay, namely, \$1500. He has won a fellowship from the Pack Foundation for a year's study at the University of Michigan in the field of fish and game management as related to forestry. It will be possible to handle his work at Petersham in part by allotment to other members of the staff and in part by the appointment of a temporary assistant, whose name I shall send in a little later. The funds for Mr. Hosley's salary and that of a possible assistant will be met as heretofore by the income from the Harvard Forest endowment.

I note that the reappointment of A. C. Cline also expires with the present year, and I therefore request that he be reappointed on the existing terms, namely, \$3500. a year.

Very truly yours,

R. F. Fisher

Director

March 15, 1934

Mr. Richard T. Fisher
Director of the Harvard Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Mr. Hunscomb has given me your letter of March 12th enclosing the salary sheet of the Harvard Forest for 1934-35. I shall go over the letter with Mr. Conant, but I assume that this will only be a formality.

I should like very much to go over with you at your convenience the general questions concerning the finances of the Forest. As I am in and out of the office a good deal, I shall arrange to be in if you will let me know beforehand when you expect to be in Cambridge.

Very sincerely yours,

J. W. LOWE

HARVARD FOREST

Memorandum of conversation with Dr. Fisher on March 22, 1934.

He expects, partly through gifts for immediate use, to more than break even for 1933-34, and to be able to pare down his debit balance by two or three thousand dollars. He has also a piece of land near the village which may eventually be sold to bring possibly \$5,000 which might also be applied to his balance. He expects that the anonymous benefactor of the Forest will, if he is able, carry out his plan for a general and substantial endowment.

I told him that we would be more concerned to have the Forest break even in the coming years than to have the existing balance paid back, and that without attempting to set any particular limit on his expenditures, it would be understood that he would not expand from the present basis at the expense of University income.

He is entirely aware of the implications of the National Recovery Act and the Lumber Code, and I think he will protect the University's interests without any reminders from us.

J. W. L.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
HARVARD FOREST
PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Biological Laboratories,
Cambridge, Mass.
March 27, 1934.

J. L. Lowes, Esq.
University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lowes:

In accordance with our conversation, I want to ask whether it will be feasible to put some or all of the tuition fees from students of forestry into the budget of the Harvard Forest as available income. Even though the Harvard Forest is, for purposes of instruction, a part of the new Department of Biology, a number of our students (up to recently all of them) do all their work at Petersham under the instruction exclusively of the staff of the Harvard Forest; but our income for salaries and the purposes of research comes wholly from special endowments and current gifts.

It is true that last year the Corporation established four Harvard Forest scholarships at \$150. each, to be paid out of the funds of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; but unless there is some reason to the contrary, it would seem fair that the Forest have the benefit, over and above the amount required for these scholarships, of all tuition fees for which it provides the instruction. Under the present interdepartmental arrangements and as a basis for your consideration, I suggest that the tuition fees of students who receive instruction exclusively from the staff of the Harvard Forest should be credited to the Forest, and that for those whose work involves supervision or instruction in related departments the fees should be divided between the Forest and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Except during the last four or five years and since 1915, all students of forestry have worked exclusively at Petersham so that there has been a considerable income from their tuition fees which has not figured in the budget of the Forest.

Very truly yours,



Director

Parent

March 10, 1964

Dean Kenneth B. Muddock
University MO

Dear Ken:

I enclose a copy of a letter from Dr. Fisher, addressed, like most of my mail, to my father. It seems to me that he has a pretty good case, and would like to know what you think of it. The Forest is very hard up, and to a point where University income has been affected.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. LOWES

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HARVARD FOREST

PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Biological Laboratories,
Cambridge, Mass.
April 6, 1934.

Dean Kenneth B. Murdock,
University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Murdock:

In accordance with your request, I have compiled a tabulation showing for the last five years the number of students in forestry who have been instructed wholly by the staff of the Forest and the number who have worked in part under other departments or with their facilities. The table follows:

| | Instruction only at the Forest | Instruction in part by other departments |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1933-34 | 3 | 3 |
| 1932-33 | 2 | 2 |
| 1931-32 | 5 | 0 |
| 1930-31 | 5 | 1 |
| 1929-30 | 6 | 1 |

I think it is fair to say that the drop in the number of students at Petersham during last year and this year is due to the extraordinary demand for foresters of all degrees of training in the government Emergency Conservation Work. The rise in students classed as both under the Forest and other departments is apparently due to there being more men in allied departments who are getting supervision or instruction from the Forest. For a number of years previous to 1931-32, we have averaged five or six students annually at Petersham, which is about the number we can well handle under our system of concentrating on investigative work.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Fisher

Director

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

COPY

Biological Laboratories,
Cambridge, Mass.
May 2, 1934.

Professor Julian L. Coolidge,
Lowell House,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Coolidge:

I have looked at the old willow trees in the east court of Lowell House and what is more important had in Dr. Faull, pathologist from the Arnold Arboretum, to look them over as well. We agree that the trees are substantially past cure or repair. Both trunks and branches are riddled and rotten with two different species of fungus, and there is a third affecting the roots. We do not think it is worth while spending any money on them. It is more than likely that before long they will fall apart. It seems to me to be a case of giving up the old willows and planting some new trees in the quadrangle. I am sorry to convey such bad news.

Sincerely yours,

Director

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
HARVARD FOREST
PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Biological Laboratories,
Cambridge, Mass.
May 8, 1934.

President James B. Conant,
University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Conant:

Because you asked me about the willow trees
in the court of Lowell House, I am sending you enclosed
a copy of a brief report made to Professor Coolidge.

Very truly yours,

R. Y. Fisher

Director

May 9, 1934

Professor R. T. Fisher
Harvard Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Fisher:

This is to acknowledge your letter
and the enclosure. I am sorry that the
verdict is so unfavorable to the trees. Thank
you for looking into this matter.

Sincerely yours,

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HARVARD FOREST
PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

May 22, 1934.

President James B. Conant,
University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Conant:

In case you find it convenient to visit Petersham next Friday or Saturday and assuming that you start from Harvard, I suggest the following route: to Lancaster to Sterling. At Sterling bear right, two miles to concrete bridge and cross road; right again, ten miles to Westminster. From Westminster follow Route 2 to the outskirts of Athol, then left three to four miles by Route 32 to the Harvard Forest headquarters. The trip should require about an hour.

It may be simpler for you, though less pretty, to strike Route 2 at Ayer or Fitchburg and then proceed as indicated.

Our telephone number at the headquarters building is 2-21.

Sincerely yours,

R. Y. Fisher

Director

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HARVARD FOREST

PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

June 7, 1934.

President James B. Conant,
University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Conant:

Some weeks ago I reported to the office that N. W. Hosley, Instructor at the Harvard Forest, had won a Pack Foundation fellowship for a year's study at the University of Michigan and that I was requesting on his behalf leave of absence on half pay for the academic year '34-35. My letter was answered, I think, by Mr. Lowes to the effect that the request would be acted upon in due course. I write now to make sure that the necessary arrangements will be made before the last meeting of the Corporation. Our plan is to appoint an assistant now working at the Harvard Forest to take the place of Mr. Hosley.

Very truly yours,

R. F. Fisher

Director

MEMORANDUM TO MR. CONANT

I have attached the correspondence with R. T. Fisher in regard to the appointment of N. W. Hosley as Instructor for three years from September 1, 1934, at \$3,000 a year with leave of absence on half salary for 1934-35 and of A. C. Cline as Assistant Director of the Harvard Forest for three years from September 1, 1934, at \$3,500 a year. In view of Dr. Fisher's sudden death, you may wish to review this entire situation before the next meeting of the Corporation. Miss Hills tells me that an appointment made at that last meeting could be ratified by the Overseers at its meeting on Commencement Day.

J. W. L.

June 11, 1934

Forest

MEMORANDUM TO MR. CONANT

Whether or not Mr. Cline is reappointed Assistant Director of the Harvard Forest at today's meeting, do you not think that it might be well for you to write and ask him to consider himself in charge of the Forest's routine activities pending readjustments? I think that they have a considerable amount of routine business, and that it might be quite awkward to transact it without some one there having express authority.

J. W. L.

June 11, 1934

June 12, 1934

Mr. A. C. Cline
Assistant Director, Harvard
Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Cline:

We were all tremendously shocked at the sudden death of Mr. Fisher. I know that there are many problems connected with the Harvard Forest which you and I should talk over. The next few days, however, are completely broken up by Commencement activities. May I make an appointment to see you at ten o'clock on Wednesday, June 17? Your reappointment as Assistant Director of the Forest was recommended by Mr. Fisher and will be acted on at the next meeting of the Corporation just before Commencement. For the immediate present, if there are any pressing problems in regard to the Forest I hope you will carry on the work as best you can as Assistant Director.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CONANT

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HARVARD FOREST

PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

June 13, 1934

Dr. James B. Conant, President,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

My dear President Conant:

Your letter of the twelfth has been received, and I shall call upon you at the appointed time.

Professor Fisher's sudden death has left all of us inexpressibly saddened, not only those who have served under him for many years but the townspeople as well. We on the staff feel that in the Harvard Forest he has left an enduring memorial to his love and sympathetic understanding of all living things.

I am happy to tell you that the alumni are planning to place a memorial boulder and tablet near his favorite spot on the Forest, a stand of virgin timber at the north end of the Tom Swamp Pond.

Very sincerely yours,


Assistant Director

Harvard Forest
F. L.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. CONANT

I had quite a long talk yesterday with Tom Barbour and Oakes Ames about the general Botany situation. They have a plan for taking care of the duplication of herbaria which sounds much more logical than anything I have yet struck. The detailed examination of the trusts involved will be a large job and was one which I already had on the docket for next fall.

I asked them whether they saw any reason why the Harvard Forest could not be operated logically as a division of the Arnold Arboretum under the general direction of the Director of the latter but with a qualified forestry man at Petersham. This would be along the line of what we have previously discussed in a general way and for general administrative purposes would reduce our present departments by one. Barbour was quite enthusiastic about the idea. Oakes Ames was rather lukewarm, but did not appear to have any valid ground for objection. Probably he would hate to take on the added responsibility. If the general idea was right, the precise method by which it was accomplished would not be particularly important. I suppose, offhand, that the terms of the Harvard Forest property were such that so long as the integrity of the Forest activities was maintained we should have the widest latitude in our method of administration.

They think that Cline, the Assistant Director, is a good man, but I judge not of sufficient caliber to run the show. I give you this now only as something to think about.

J. W. L.

June 13, 1934

Lowes

Harvard Forest (old file)

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
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PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

June 14, 1934

Dean Kenneth B. Murdock,
Faculty of Arts and Sciences,
20 University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dean Murdock:

As you undoubtedly know, Mr. Hosley has been granted a year's leave to study at the University of Michigan. To take his place the Forest staff several weeks ago decided to engage the services of Mr. William H. Cummings, now registered with us as a student. This decision had the full approval of Professor Fisher, and it was his intention, as expressed to me a few days before his death, to put through the appointment in the customary way. The agreement was that Mr. Cummings should receive \$1400 and the free use of the Forest Cottage for a period of one year starting July 1. One of his chief tasks will be to do the Forest bookkeeping, formerly done by Mr. Hosley, though it was expected that he also would act as an instructor. I believe his title should be Forest Assistant.

I trust that this arrangement will meet with your approval, and that the appointment may receive official sanction at an early date. Mr. Hosley has already left for Michigan, and we shall be very much in need of Mr. Cumming's services by July 1.

Yours very sincerely,

W. C. C. C.
Assistant Director

OF RECORD

JUN 18 1934

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OF RECORD

OCT 22 1934

E. G. STILLMAN, M. D.
45 EAST 75TH STREET
NEW YORK
N. Y.

June 15, 1934

President James B. Conant
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Conant:

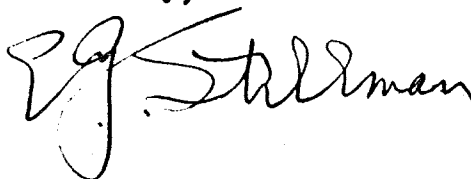
Harvard has suffered an irreparable loss by the untimely passing of Professor R.T. Fisher. May I express my deep sympathy to Harvard University.

I have organized a group of technical advisers to assist Guernsey and Pitman, the model makers, so that this uncompleted work may be finished.

Although merely a layman, I have learned much about forestry principles under a great teacher. During the last twenty-five years he has nursed his child, the Harvard Forest, from birth through infancy. A Forest is a living thing. Mismanagement now could rapidly ruin all that has been accomplished.

There are some scientists in the University who look upon the Forest as a source of blood for them to tap. Such men are not primarily interested in Forestry, but merely in the great source of material available for their work. So may I urge that the next Director of the Harvard Forest be a Forester.

Yours sincerely,



June 16, 1934

My dear Dr. Stillman:

In Mr. Conant's absence from Cambridge, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter concerning the Harvard Forest. Your letter will be brought to Mr. Conant's attention as soon as he returns to the office.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Dr. E. G. Stillman
45 East 75th Street
New York City

THE BLACK ROCK FOREST

Howard Joseph
Conant Bryon

CORNWALL-ON-THE-HUDSON, N. Y.

June 18, 1934

Mr. James Bryant Conant
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Jim:-

Dick Fisher's sudden death was a great shock to me. He was one of my oldest friends. We've lost a great man and a gallant gentleman.

The work at the Forest (did you ever get a chance to see the place?) is so outstanding that I am naturally wondering who will take over. I'm certain that Dick's successor should be a forester, and not one of those wild-eyed scientists who for some time have had their eager eye on the Forest chiefly as a source of material for their work. I've carefully canvassed the capable foresters in this country, and some time this summer or next autumn I'd like very well to come over and talk with you about the matter. When you have finished collecting additional LLD's and such, let me know if and when we could have a brief chat. There are several slants to the proposition.

I see Hutch now and then; poor fellow, he's had pretty rough sledding lately. But you'd never know it. His upper lip stays pretty stiff, as you might expect.

Sincerely,

Howard Joseph
Conant Bryon

hht-s

June 18, 1934

Dr. E. G. Stillman
45 East 75th Street
New York City

My dear Dr. Stillman:

Thank you for your letter in regard to Professor Fisher of the Harvard Forest. Harvard University and the Harvard Forest have indeed suffered a grievous loss in the unexpected and untimely death of Professor Fisher.

I can assure you that we shall review the whole situation in regard to the Forest with the greatest care before making any changes or appointing a Director. I hope to have the opportunity of discussing the matter with you sometime in New York next fall. I shall be very much interested in your ideas, although I am sure you will not misunderstand me if I say I shall not guarantee in advance to take your advice! I certainly appreciate your interest in this important part of the University, and I am glad to hear you are contemplating going ahead with the finishing of the marvelous models in process of construction.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

June 19, 1934

Mr. H. H. Tryon
The Black Rock Forest
Cornwall-on-the-Hudson
New York

My dear Mr. Tryon:

In Mr. Conant's absence I beg to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter.
Mr. Conant will not be in the office
until after Commencement but your letter
will be brought to his attention just as
soon as he returns.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

June 22, 1934

Mr. Henry H. Tryon
The Black Rock Forest
Cornwall-on-the-Hudson
New York

Dear Henry:

Thank you for your recent note. We certainly have suffered a grievous loss by the death of Professor Fisher.

It would be a great pleasure to talk over matters connected with the Forest with you, but unfortunately I am sailing for Europe in a few days and shall not be back until September. We shall proceed very slowly in making the appointment of the new Director or making any changes in the organization. If you are available next autumn I should like to have a chance to talk with you and many others about the whole situation.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

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remain silent.

Believe me, with high
regard and good wishes for
your administration,

Sincerely yours
Wasson Shepard
A. B. 1910, M. F. 1913.

104 LELAND STREET
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

21 June 1934

My dear President Conant,
I have some apprehension
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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

(INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SHEET)

*Robert H. Conant
Inscribed to my file*

Cambridge, Massachusetts

June 21, 1934

Copy of letter from Ward Shepard:

My dear President Conant:

I have some apprehension that the death of Richard Fisher may raise a question as to the continuance of the Harvard Forest, which was so peculiarly his own creation. As an alumnus of the old Harvard Forest School, I take the liberty of writing to you to express the hope that Harvard will find it possible to maintain permanently this unique contribution to American forestry. In many ways, the Petersham Forest is one of the most impressive developments in this field in the United States. Besides being a striking object lesson in the beauty that comes from forestry and in the practicality of sustained yield forest management, the Harvard Forest has made notable contributions in the scientific bases of forestry and in the training of outstanding foresters.

It has been my good fortune, during the past year, to work out with President Roosevelt and Secretary Wallace, the forest conservation provision of the lumber code. This is the beginning of a wide application of forestry principles to private forests. In this program, as applied to New England, the Harvard Forest can be of the greatest possible value as a guide, pioneer, and demonstrator of proper forest management.

Perhaps my apprehensions are wholly unjustified and my letter superfluous, but in any event I have too much pride in the Harvard Forest and in Richard Fisher's splendid work there, to remain silent.

Believe me, with high regard and good wishes for your administration,

Sincerely yours,

Ward Shepard

(A.B. 1910; M.F. 1913)

Forest

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL

FREDERICK WINSOR, HEAD MASTER
Concord, MASSACHUSETTS

Petersham, Mass

June 25, 1934.

President James B. Conant,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Conant:

So many people were crowding around you after the Alumni meeting on the afternoon of Commencement Day, doubtless saying just what I wanted to say, that I had no chance to speak to you, so I have to write my congratulations on your speech, for I can't leave them unexpressed.

I remember that on the train from the meeting at Hot Springs you asked what the President said to the Alumni on that occasion. Naturally I made a little list in my own mind of the things I hoped you would say, and you said them all! Moreover, you did it with a simplicity, clarity, and directness that just left nothing to be desired. I thought it was admirable. And the awarding of the honorary degrees had the same characteristics: most successful.

We miss Dick Fisher here in Petersham fearfully. I wonder if I may be permitted to be in on the choice of his successor to some extent. Of course it is out of my field and none of my business, but I knew him intimately (he married my sister-in-law) and I know the community pretty well, and his successor has got to be able to handle this community along with the Forest, or he won't be able to handle the Forest to the best advantage.

Very sincerely yours,

Frederick Winsor

FW/C

June 26, 1954

Dear Mr. Winsor:

Thank you so much for your kind note. I am glad that you approved of my remarks on Wednesday afternoon.

I shall be very glad to talk with you about the Forest when I return from Europe in September. The whole problem will need looking into very carefully, and I shall not make any decision in a hurry.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Frederick Winsor
Petersham
Massachusetts

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
HARVARD FOREST
PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

June 28, 1934

Mr. John W. Lowes, Vice-President,
University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lowes:

Mr. Taylor very kindly went over with me the whole matter of the Forest's indebtedness, and the prospective income for the new fiscal year. I came away with the feeling that it would be very difficult to carry on with our present set-up within the limits imposed by the income from our endowments, amounting to \$12,450 for 1934-35. Besides staff salaries totaling \$10,000, and wages of the Forest working crew, amounting to about \$4,500, there will be unavoidable expenses for transportation, building and equipment maintenance, etc., not to mention those incident to the conduct of research projects already under way.

Obviously, I have not had time to make a careful estimate of expenses, nor have I attempted to estimate expectable income from the sale of forest products, but I wanted to let you know what we apparently are up against. Mr. Taylor explained to me that one-half of the Bliss Fund, about \$1300, went towards Professor Fisher's salary each year, and it occurred to me that it might be fair to ask that this be assigned to my salary, at least until a new Director is appointed. And, if the remainder of my salary also could come from University funds for a like period, I should feel that much more hopeful of being able to fulfill your wishes. In any event I shall do my best.

Yours very sincerely,


Assistant Director

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

HARVARD FOREST

Re: Salary of Mr. R. T. Fisher.

SEE: ARTS AND SCIENCES; DEAN (Letter dated 4/10/34)

HARVARD FOREST ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Harvard Forest Endowment (1930) - \$199,639

The principal gift was one of \$100,000, contingent upon the raising of an equal sum from other donors, from the American Tree Association, Washington, D. C. (The Charles Lathrop Pack Forestry Trust). No precise terms are on record, except that it is clear that the intention was that the income only should be used for the expenses of the Harvard Forest.

Forest Production Research Fund (1923) - \$110,078

This represents a gift of \$100,000 by an anonymous donor through William P. Wharton, Groton, Massachusetts. The income of the fund was "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." It was understood that the sums then devoted by the University to the Forest should be continued so that the income of this fund should create a net enlargement of its resources.

Harvard Endowment (1917) Harvard Forest - \$1,541

The donor was Edward S. Bryant, Cohasset, Massachusetts. Correspondence with the secretary of the Harvard Endowment Fund indicated that the income or principal might be used for the Harvard Forest.

Nathan Matthews Plantation Fund (1929) - \$12,699

This fund was established by a gift of \$10,000 from descendants of Nathan Matthews, "the income thereof to be used exclusively for the maintenance and development of the property conveyed to it under the will of the late Nathan Matthews."

Pisgah Forest Reservation (1929) - \$4,933.

This represents the accumulation of gifts totalling \$3,285 from various people (the principal ones being Dr. John C. Phillips \$2,000 and John S. Ames \$1,000) as an endowment to pay the taxes or other maintenance charges of the Pisgah Forest Reservation in Winchester, New Hampshire.

G. Frederick Schwarz (1928) - \$2,988

This represents the accumulation of a gift of \$2,500 from G. Frederick Schwarz, 806 Bronx River Road, Bronxville, New York, which accompanied his gift of forty-five acres of land in the westerly part of Peter-sham near other Harvard Forest property. He wished the income to be used in carrying out experiments in the study of aesthetic or landscape forestry to be undertaken on the land. This requirement was, however, prefatory, and he provided that if this use should be found inadvisable he wished the income and, if necessary, the principal to be used to illustrate the principles of scenic forestry on other parts of the Harvard Forest or by theoretic instruction, by research, or otherwise.

June 29, 1964

Mr. A. C. Cline
Harvard Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Cline:

I have your letter of June 23, and have made arrangements to have one-half of the income of the Bliss Fund applied toward your salary for the coming year. As to the remainder, I should like to defer making a commitment until I see you next month. For purposes of your present calculations, however, let me say that I think the chances are good that we can take care of all or the better part of it.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. LOWES

Forest

June 20, 1934

Mr. Ward Shepard
104 Leland Street
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Mr. Conant has been so busy with administrative matters after Commencement Week that your letter of June 21st has only just been brought to his attention, and since he is sailing for Europe today he has asked me to thank you for writing him your views in regard to the Harvard Forest.

No drastic action is anticipated concerning Harvard Forest in the near future. If you should happen to be in Cambridge in the fall, Mr. Conant, or perhaps some member of the Harvard Forest, will be glad to talk over with you its future.

Mr. Conant is very grateful to you for sending him your opinion.

Yours very truly,

Vernon Munroe, Jr.
Secretary to the President

M.M.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Kanawick Forest
ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

July 10, 1934.

Mr. Vernon Munroe, Jr.,
Secretary to the President,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Munroe:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 30. If I happen to be in Cambridge in the fall, I shall be delighted, as you so kindly suggest, to talk with Mr. Conant about the future of the Harvard Forest. I am glad that no drastic action concerning the Forest is anticipated in the near future.

Yours very truly,

Ward Shepard

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HARVARD FOREST
PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

August 30, 1934

Mr. John W. Lowes, Financial Vice-President,
Harvard University,
5 University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lowes:

It is about this time of year that we make our plans for the annual cut from the Forest. Unless there is some objection on your part, it would be my policy to endeavor to arrange a satisfactory sale with the Swift River Box Company, much the same as last year. It is understood, of course, that we are to abide strictly by the provisions of the Lumber Code. For reasons which I shall hope to discuss fully with you in due time, I should favor some reduction in the present allowed annual cut, which now stands at approximately 400 M bd. ft. Briefly, I feel that a larger portion of the Forest should be reserved from cutting, in order to provide a sufficient number of representative samples of the so-called "old field" forest types now rapidly disappearing through cutting and conversion. This would necessitate a corresponding reduction in the acreage of producing forest, and in the income from logging operations. I realize that no such proposed change in policy will be adopted hastily, and, if you feel that we should go the limit this year in procuring income from this source, I believe the full-sized cut can be arranged without taking stands which, in my opinion, should form part of the reserved area.

I have been approached by the Town Treasurer on the subject of our annual gift to the Town "for roadmaking". According to the last financial statement this amounted to \$860., for the year 1933. I presume it is untimely to consider making any change in the amount of the gift, or in the policy underlying it, but I should be very glad to have your opinion before taking action.

Yours very sincerely,


Assistant Director

September 1, 1934

Mr. H. C. Cline, Assistant Director
Harvard Forest
Petarshin, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Cline:

I should be inclined this year, while we are more or less marking time financially and otherwise with the Forest, to take the fall-sized cut if this can be arranged without damaging either the research growth, which you mention, or being obliged to pay for it too heavily in later reduced cuts of the areas which you plan to continue logging.

I find that the gift to the Town was \$750 in the two years previous to 1932 when it was increased to \$800. Mr. Fisher, in connection with the increase, wrote Benham Hall that it was to make up for additional land bought by the Forest and taken out of taxation. While he did not say so expressly, the implication was that it might be taken as a more or less permanent adjustment. You know the situation so much better than I do that I shall be very glad to leave the matter entirely to your discretion except to suggest that we do not pay more than the \$800 which was paid last year.

Very sincerely yours,

J. W. LOWES.

H. H. TRYON,
DIRECTOR

A. L. BABCOCK,
SUPERINTENDENT

THE BLACK ROCK FOREST

*Forest
Crossref; Bryan*

CORNWALL-ON-THE-HUDSON, N. Y.

Sept. 8, 1934

Dear Jim:-

Journal 17. 1934

With regard to the Harvard Forest,
when can you and I have a talk about its fu-
ture? I can run over to Cambridge any time
the latter part of this month --- preferably
after September 25. As you are probably much
busier than I, drop me a line, setting the day
and hour that will suit you best and I'll be on
hand. Only please don't make it either a Satur-
day or a Monday.

Sincerely yours,

Henry H. Bryan

Mr. James B. Conant
Cambridge, Mass.

Very sincerely yours,

September 14, 1934

Mr. Henry H. Tryon
The Black Rock Forest
Cornwall-on-the-Hudson
New York

Dear Henry:

I shall be very glad to see you for luncheon on Wednesday, September 26. That week is a bad one for me as it is the first one of College, but I shall be delighted to talk with you for a couple of hours if we can cover the ground in that length of time.

Very sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

FIELD SERVICE

Washington, D. C.,
September 14, 1934

Judge Julian W. Mack,
c/o James Marshall,
150 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Judge Mack:

If I recall correctly you are a member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University. I know you are also greatly interested in forest conservation.

In my opinion the Harvard Forest School is the outstandingly good forest educational institution in the United States. It is the one forestry school in the country which has really acted upon the belief that ~~the men~~^{men may} learn forestry best in the woods. This point to a layman might seem obvious, but unfortunately it never has seemed so to forest educators in general; and so out of some 27 different forestry colleges in this country Harvard is the only one which makes its woods teaching primary and its classroom teaching secondary. In the process of attaining this splendid type of education Harvard has incidentally developed what is probably the best managed forest tract in America.

The inspiration and the loyal devotion which made this possible were primarily contributed by Richard T. Fisher, Director of the forest and head of the forest school since their inception, who died suddenly last June. Professor Fisher made this genuinely great contribution to American forestry through farsighted vision, extreme patience, and an intimate knowledge of almost every clump of trees on the entire 2,000 acre forest. Such intimate knowledge was essential in developing the area so intensively.

In spite of the splendid contribution which the Harvard Forest has made to American forestry its work has never been even remotely duplicated anywhere else in the country. Foresters in general are occupied with large domains and extensive activities. The ordinary ranger district in the United States Forest Service, presided over by a \$2,000 ^{a year} ~~superior~~ Ranger, is 50 times as large as the whole area of the Harvard Forest. The administration of such large areas has been absolutely essential as a general practice in American forestry but on the other hand, in giving a practical example of what was needed the Harvard intensive development has been invaluable to the profession of forestry in America.

In common with many other foresters I am naturally greatly concerned whether in picking Professor Fisher's successor a man who has the same ideals as Professor Fisher^{had} will be chosen to continue the management of the Harvard Forest and School on the same unique basis. The danger is that some forester who thinks in terms of vast areas and newspaper releases will be chosen to substitute ballyhoo management for the very subtle, quiet, splendid achievement of Professor Fisher. This would be tragic.

Actually I only know one forester in the country who is really qualified to take over the management of the Harvard Forest and continue it along the lines which Professor Fisher projected and at the same time to carry it out with both Professor Fisher's idealism and with confidence^{potence}. This man is Albert C. Cline, who for 12 years has been Professor Fisher's understudy on the Harvard Forest. During recent years he has really taken over the bulk of the practical administration and the teaching from Professor Fisher's shoulders. In fact, I really considered him when I attended the Harvard Forest to be a better teacher than Professor Fisher because he had more time to spend in teaching by action and quiet suggestion than did Professor Fisher. Actually out of some 112 different teachers whom I have had since I started in the first grade, I would rate Al Cline the very best of all.

As an alumnus of the Harvard College as well as a person tremendously interested in forestry, I would like^{to urge} you to urge on your fellow overseers the appointment of Albert C. Cline as Director of the Harvard Forest and head of the Harvard Forest School.

It is a long time since we had ^{until} ~~mental~~ soup together in a basement restaurant near where you were trying a case which had lasted eight months. I hope that case is over by now and that I may see you before you get another such long-drawn-out affair again.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Marshall

JULIAN W. MACK
U. S. CIRCUIT JUDGE
NEW YORK CITY

Forest

September 17, 1934

Dear Dr. Conant:

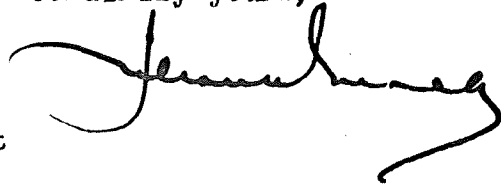
I take pleasure in enclosing you a letter just received from Robert Marshall.

He is the son of Louis Marshall. His father was a very distinguished New York lawyer who died five years ago. He was always deeply interested in forestry, and as Trustee of Syracuse University, he was Chairman of the Board of the Forestry School. The forestry building there was dedicated to his memory and bears his name.

Robert has written several books, a most interesting one on his life in the Arctics in the Government service, and a more recent one on forestry. He has been in the Government service in the Forestry Department since he finished his studies at Syracuse, Johns Hopkins and Harvard, and for the last year has been in charge of the Forestry Division in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. From my twenty-five years' knowledge of him, I know that in writing to me he had but one motive, the advancement of forestry and the good of the Harvard School. I have never known him to act in any way but disinterestedly on any subject. Any recommendation that he makes, I am certain, is deserving of the most careful consideration.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



President James Bryant Conant
University Hall
Cambridge
Massachusetts

September 20, 1934

Judge Julian W. Mack
United States Circuit Judge
New York City

Dear Judge Mack:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 18 and the attached carbon copy.

May I also acknowledge the receipt of your letter about Mr. Robert Marshall and his enclosed comments on the new Director of the Harvard Forest. I am very glad indeed to have all the information I can in connection with my decision on this subject. It is very probable that it will be some months before any action is taken as I shall make a thorough survey of the whole problem before coming to a decision. Of course I am delighted to have this particular piece of evidence before me.

Very sincerely yours,

H. H. TRYON,
DIRECTOR

A. L. BABCOCK,
SUPERINTENDENT

THE BLACK ROCK FOREST

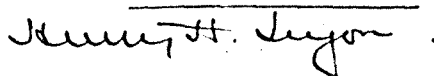
CORNWALL-ON-THE-HUDSON, N. Y.

Sept. 23, 1934

Dear Jim:-

I'll see you for lunch September 26.
It won't take any two hours. Can't, anyhow, as
I have appointment in Boston at 4:00. I can
cover the ground for you in thirty minutes.
It will be good to see you again, even in
the august purlieus which you now infest.

Sincerely,



Mr. James B. Conant
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
(INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SHEET)

Cambridge, Massachusetts

September 24, 1934

Mr. Henry H. Tryon
The Black Rock Forest
Cornwall on the Hudson
New York

Will you be in Cambridge for lunch Wednesday

Please wire.

James B. Conant

Memorandum on the Forest:

Memorandum of a conversation with Tryon
on September 26. Possible names of those who
might be directors of the Forest.

Cline -- now at the Forest

Kittredge -- California

Shepard -- Department of Interior,
Washington

People to be consulted:

Agassiz

John Ames

Dr. Edgar Stillman, New York

Henry Graves, Yale

J. B. C.

September 26, 1934

October 1, 1934

HARVARD FOREST

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| Asst.Prof. P.R. Gast | 37 | 3,500.00 | | |
| Insr. N.W. Hosley | 33 | 1,500.00 | Absent, half pay | |

Forest

The Society of American Foresters

HILL BUILDING, 839 17TH STREET N. W.

WASHINGTON,



D. C.

205 Prospect Street,
New Haven, Conn.,
October 1, 1934.

Dr. James B. Conant,
President, Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The Society of American Foresters is making an exhaustive study of different schools and institutions of forestry in the United States for the purpose of establishing a standard on which to admit members into the junior grade of the Society.

In this connection, we wish to state that the Harvard School of Forestry on a graduate status will, without question, be accepted as one of the classified schools. The Society and the profession are just now deeply interested in the status of this institution. We hold the former Director, Richard T. Fisher, in great esteem. The character which he gave to the Harvard Forest and its work is distinctive. Its services are outstanding to forestry professionally and otherwise. Its program has contributed definitely to sound scientific management of woodlands in New England both for hardwoods and conifers, and the output of the institution in the form of bulletins has maintained an extremely high average of technical excellence.

The Society assumes that the Harvard Forest will be maintained and continued. May we express the hope that the University will liberally support this work?

Very truly,

A. H. Chapman

President.

And P. J. F. L. Chapman, Harvard 69.

October 2, 1934

Mr. H. H. Chapman
205 Prospect Street
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Thank you so much for your kind letter. I am very glad, of course, that the Society of American Foresters feels that the Harvard Forest has been so successful. It has always seemed to me that Dr. Fisher was an outstanding man who had accomplished a really remarkable task. It will be very hard to find his successor, but I assure you that the Harvard Forest will be duly maintained and continued.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Forest

October 8, 1934

Mr. H. H. Tryon
The Black Rock Forest
Cornwall-on-the-Hudson
New York

Dear Hal:

Thank you for your note. I plan
to be up in Petersham at the end of this
week.

It was very nice to see you. I
may trouble you again on these problems.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES B. COVAT

Mr. Covat has letter

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
HARVARD FOREST
PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

October 16, 1934.

Mr. John W. Lowes, Financial Vice-president,
5 University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lowes:

Last evening I stopped in at the selectmen's meeting to see what I could learn about our annual gift to the Town for road maintenance. It seems that back in 1913 and '14 the Town brought suit against the University for the payment of taxes on the Petersham properties. Two letters were shown me which furnished information on the situation as of that date.

The first letter, dated April 11, 1914, from Vaughan, Esty and Clark to William MacNutt, Chairman of the Selectmen, includes the following statement: "I interviewed Mr. Warner, and he has come to the conclusion that we can carry out the arrangement by which the College will donate \$700..." This was signed by E. H. Vaughan, attorney for the Town of Petersham.

The second letter, dated May 27, 1914, was from J. B. Warner of the firm of Warner, Warner, and Stackpole to E. H. Vaughan, State Mutual Building, Worcester, Mass. I quote from it the following: "My client, Harvard College, wishes to have the case respecting its liability to taxation by the Town of Petersham disposed of It is inclined to donate to the Town annually a sum for the maintenance of roads ... probably \$700."

I did not have an opportunity to make a full transcript of these letters but can arrange to do so in case copies of the correspondence cannot be had from Warner, Warner, and Stackpole, attorneys for the College.

It was understood by verbal agreement that if further purchases of land were made, the amount of the gift should be increased to an extent approximating the loss in taxes. Thus the acquisition of the Schwarz Lot and the Fay Lot have brought the total gift up to \$860.

Yours very sincerely,


Assistant Director

ACC. C

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HARVARD FOREST
PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

October 16, 1934.

Mr. John W. Lowes,
5 University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lowes:

I have made arrangements to sell this winter's cut of lumber to the Swift River Box Company on the lot at the code price, and it appears likely that later we shall be able to make arrangements with the Company whereby they hire us to do the delivering in a manner which will avoid any conflict with the code provisions.

Last year we borrowed money from the University to finance the operation, and if agreeable to you I should like very much to have similar arrangements made for the current operation. We expect that the operator will move in some time this week and that the first payment will be in order not later than the first of November. We have contracted the job at \$8. per M and plan to cut upwards of 400 M. This will require a total outlay of \$3200. It has been customary to have Mr. Saeger deposit money for this purpose from time to time in our account at the First National Bank of Athol.

Yours very sincerely,


Assistant Director

ACC.C

October 18, 1934

Mr. W. C. Saeger
Lehman Hall

Dear Mr. Saeger:

Mr. Cline at the Harvard Forest tells me that he will need \$3,200 to finance his winter's cut of lumber. Will you please deposit this sum in his account at the First National Bank of Athol in such instalments as he requests.

I suppose that this is the best manner of getting these payments made. Do you think of any more satisfactory way?

Sincerely yours,

J. W. LOWES

October 18, 1934

Mr. A. C. Cline, Assistant Director
Harvard Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Cline:

I am glad to hear that you have made satisfactory arrangements to sell your cut for this winter.

I am asking Mr. Saeger to deposit \$2,200 in your account at the First National Bank of Athol as you let him know that you require it.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. LOWES

October 18, 1924

Mr. A. C. Cline, Assistant Director
Harvard Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Cline:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 16 in regard to the payments made to the Town of Petersham in lieu of taxes. I think the arrangement is a perfectly reasonable one, and so long as the amount that we pay is in your opinion not excessive, I am inclined to let the matter rest.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. LOWES

THE BLACK ROCK FOREST

CORNWALL-ON-THE-HUDSON, N. Y.

October 26, 1934

Dear Jim:-

I hope you had a look at the Forest. I don't want to make a nuisance of myself, but some weeks ago I was asked to help Henry James, '99, in preparing an obituary on Dick Fisher for the forthcoming number of the Graduate's Magazine. The two attached sheafs of letters, and excerpts from letters regarding Fisher, the Forest, and the somewhat distinguished technical achievements consummated thereon are the result. James has finished with these; and I would appreciate it greatly if you would glimpse them and return to me. I send them to you with the admitted object of bringing home to you what you've got at Petersham. The Forest is of international repute. Don't let it decline into desuetude --- or whatever the classicists would call it. Not that I think you will, as I recall our visit; but Fisher built up a plant that is miles ahead of anything else in this country and I want you to know it.

Sincerely,

H. H. Tryon

October 27, 1934

Mr. H. H. Tryon
The Black Rock Forest
Cornwall-on-the-Hudson
New York

My dear Mr. Tryon:

In Mr. Conant's absence from
Cambridge I beg to acknowledge the re-
ceipt of your letter with the enclosed
letters concerning Mr. Fisher and the
Harvard Forest. These will be brought
to Mr. Conant's attention upon his
return to the office next week.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR
SCHOOL OF FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION

Fast

November 10, 1934.

Dr. James Bryant Conant, President
Harvard University,
5 University Hall,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Since the death of Prof. R.T. Fisher, I have given a good deal of thought to who might be his successor. Since I am directly interested, I should like to suggest a few men for consideration.

Two men whom I believe to be outstanding for the position are Prof. R.P. Holdsworth of the Forestry Department, Massachusetts State College and Dr. J.S. Boyce of the Osborn Botanical Laboratory, Yale University. Both of these men know New England conditions, are capable foresters, have fine personalities and would be good teachers under Petersham conditions.

I should also like to recommend two Michigan Forest School men, Dr. S.A. Graham, Prof. of Economic Zoology and Prof. D.M. Matthews, Professor of Forest Management. I believe these two men to be eminently qualified for the position.

Dean Dana of the School here very kindly went over with me the list of possibilities. He has a wide acquaintance among foresters all over the country and has an intimate

knowledge of the Harvard Forest and its problems and of New England conditions. He has recommended others whom I do not know. I will include these in a second group. They are:

Mr. E.L. Demmon, Director, Southern Forest
Experiment Station, Stern Bldg., New Orleans, La.,

Mr. R.E. Marsh, U.S. Forest Service, Washington, D.C.,

Prof. C.H. Guise, Cornell University, Dept. of
Forestry, Ithaca, New York.

Two other good possibilities among the younger men are Dr. Henry I. Baldwin, Hillsdale, N.H. and Dr. Robert Marshall, Chief, Indian Forest Service, Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

I hope these suggestions may be of some help to you in choosing a new Director.

Yours very truly,

N.W. Hosley
N.W. Hosley.

November 14, 1934

Mr. N. W. Hosley
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hosley:

It is very kind of you to write me and suggest possibilities for the new Director of the Harvard Forest. I am giving this matter very careful consideration, but do not expect to reach any decision for some time. I am very glad indeed to have before me the names of men whom you think would be satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

November 14, 1934

Mr. H. H. Tryon
Black Rock Forest
New York

Dear Henry:

This is a long delayed reply to yours of the twenty-sixth and the attached documents. I have not had a chance to look through them yet but I shall do so at the first opportunity and return them to you. We certainly have no intention of having the Forest go to wrack and ruin. It may be some time before we take definite action about appointing a new director.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES B. COYNT

November 20, 1934

Mr. Henry H. Tryon
The Black Rock Forest
Cornwall-on-the-Hudson
New York

Dear Henry:

I have enjoyed looking over the material which you sent me about Professor Fisher and the Harvard Forest. I am returning it to you under separate cover.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CONANT

Material mailed 1st class

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Forest

Cross ref: Kittredge

Division of Forestry,
University of California,
Berkeley, California,
November 24, 1934.

President J. B. Conant,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear President Conant:

As an alumnus of the College and of the Harvard Forest in 1913 and as one much interested in the continued effective development of the Forest, I am venturing to make a suggestion in regard to the directorship left vacant at Professor Fisher's death. Obviously it will be impossible to find anyone with his tact and charm of personality combined with a rare appreciation and insight into the scientific and practical values to be derived from the Forest. It may be that under the present circumstances, the vacancy will not be filled for a time in which case Cline and Gast will doubtless be able to carry forward the management and research programs acceptably.

Eventually, however, I feel the directorship should be filled and preferably by a man who combines a knowledge of the past development of the Forest and the place it has attained in local and national recognition with ability to coordinate the diverse but essential functions of management, demonstration, graduate study, and research. I would like to suggest for your consideration Henry H. Tryon, Harvard A.B. 1912, M.F. 1913, who is now Director of the Black Rock Forest at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, New York. Tryon and I were classmates and I have subsequently known of his successful experience in consulting forestry, with a lumber association, as extension forester, and as director of the Black Rock Forest. Moreover, Tryon has maintained his interest in and enthusiasm for the Harvard Forest through the years by frequent visits and a close personal friendship with Fisher.

If I can be of assistance in this matter in any way, please feel free to call upon me. Otherwise this letter requires no reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph Kittredge

P.S. This letter was not suggested or prompted by Tryon in any way.

December 4, 1934

Mr. Joseph Kittredge, Jr.
Division of Forestry
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Kittredge:

Thank you very much for your letter and your suggestion in regard to the successor to Professor Fisher. I am moving very slowly indeed in this matter and have not come to any conclusions of even a tentative sort. I have so many things on my docket that I shall have to put the forest problem off for some months.

As a matter of fact, I know Tryon very well from the time we were in college together. I have already had a long talk with him about the Forest. I have the feeling that he would not take the position even if it were offered to him, but I may be wrong about this. I shall certainly give his name very serious consideration in all events.

With sincere appreciation of your interest in this matter,

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CORANT

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
HARVARD FOREST
PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

December 11, 1934.

Mr. John W. Lowes, Financial Vice-President,
5 University Hall,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lowes:

We have now reached the point in our logging operations where it is possible to tell how close we are coming to the allowed annual cut figure of 400 M board feet. The Superintendent estimates that total yield from the several stands now under operation will closely approximate 425 M, and I should, therefore, like to request that you authorize the Bursar to place an additional amount to our credit on the lumbering account. To be on the safe side it might be well to set our needs at \$400. The amount previously advanced, \$3200. , will have been expended by the time the additional amount is available. I am glad to report that we have had very good luck with the cut thus far, and have managed to clean up several low grade stands at the Code price.

Very sincerely yours,


Assistant Director

December 13, 1934

Mr. W. C. Saeger
Lehman Hall

Dear Mr. Saeger:

The Harvard Forest is making a slightly larger cut than it had expected, and I should be obliged if you would place \$400 more to the credit of its lumbering account as requested by Mr. Cline in a letter to me dated December 11.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. LOWES

December 18, 1934

Mr. A. C. Cline
Harvard Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Cline:

I am asking the Bursar to place
\$400 more to your credit in the lumbering
account to take care of the additional cut
mentioned in your letter of December 11.

I am glad that it is going so well.

Very sincerely yours,

J. W. LOWES

December 14, 1934

Mr. Henry S. Morgan
23 Wall Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I had quite a long conference with J. Randolph Coolidge, 3d, of the Class of 1910 on the subject of the Harvard Forest. Mr. Coolidge threw into the complex problem an additional disturbing factor by suggesting very strongly that we should revive the old School of Forestry. I showed no particular enthusiasm for this project but after all everything must be explored at this time. I explained to him my project of putting together under one general officer with the status of dean the different aspects of Applied Botany. He seemed to think this was a good scheme whether or not we revived the Harvard School of Forestry. He suggested that the man for this position would be W. B. Greeley.

I should be greatly indebted to you if you could take the time to have a long talk with Mr. Coolidge about the Forest. I should also be indebted to you if you could find out about Mr. Greeley who was at one time United States Forester.

Two other names which Mr. Coolidge suggested are R. H. Colley of the Bell Laboratory and George Garrett, now a Professor at Yale.

I am sorry to trouble you on these matters, but I assure you your assistance will be most welcome.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CONANT

23 Wall Street
New York

December 17, 1934

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My dear President Conant:

I find your letter of Friday on my return from the West this morning. I shall be glad to do anything I can, and will get in touch with Mr. Coolidge as soon as possible. I shall also make efforts to get checks on Messrs. Colley and Garrett. As soon as I have anything to report I will write you.

I am afraid that I shan't be in Boston again before the next Overseers' meeting.

Yours faithfully,



President James B. Conant,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Lowest
Cron of Morgan

23 Wall Street
New York

December 28, 1934

My dear President Conant:

Referring to your letter of December 14th, I find that Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge is ill and will be unable to see me until after the middle of January.

In his letter to me, he outlined his ideas for the professional school of forestry and, in reply, I pointed out to him that funds to support such additional activities would be one of the major factors to be considered. I am sorry for the delay, but will arrange to see him as soon as possible.

He also referred to Mr. Greeley, at one time U. S. Forester, but particularly with a view to his relation with a possible Harvard School of Forestry and not necessarily as the general officer of a Department of Applied Botany. I am still endeavoring to get some information in regard to Mr. Greeley and the other men that Mr. Coolidge referred to.

With all best wishes for the New Year, I am

Yours faithfully,

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