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Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of troubling you with an inquiry  
respecting a suitable person to fill the vacant chair of Chem-  
istry in this institution. The appointment is to be made  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> next & we have as it would seem  
whose qualifications are satisfactory. These services may be  
probably <sup>be</sup> obtained. Good chance to be made in Virginia.  
A young man of uncommon promise & fond of the phys-  
ical sciences, would suit us well, if his present attainments  
would enable him to go respectably through a course of  
elementary lectures & experiments, and his general char-  
acter <sup>is</sup> unexceptionable.

Our chemical lectures will begin on the  
1<sup>st</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup> & continue 5 months. The salary for the  
chemical lectureship alone is \$700. The rest for fuel &  
requisites is to be added. It is expected that you will confine  
himself to this for a year or two. We are desirous  
we wish to have a few papers on all subjects which it respects  
year. This department would also be a new branch to be phys-  
ical sciences generally so far as it may be brought in alliance.  
The full salary is \$800 & an equal share of the tuition fees.



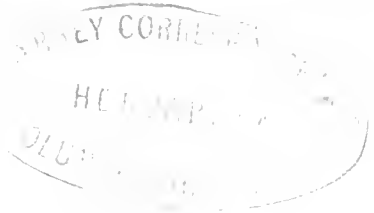
of the world. I + D... have been his... then we...  
to... the... of  
his... I had  
consequently to my former...  
In the... to  
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subject... to be entertained, and I was  
not... that this... field  
of Washington, will yet... they  
of its glorious name. If we can now get a good  
paper for... will be  
complete, as far as... requires, if  
we must "try what we can do".

With sentiments of high respect + friendship

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly

Ernest Buffum



Samuel J. May  
30 Aug 55

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