

September 18, 1946

Dr. J. Brookes Knight
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Dear Brookes:

Thank you for your letter of September 12 and, above all, for your patience and willingness to help in the Philadelphia Academy matter. One of my friends had a reply from Cadwalader wherein it was stated that the Academy is not in a financial position to add to the staff. Hence I sent you the telegram. Normally this reply of Cadwalader's should close the incident. However, after much hard thinking I believe I have a solution. Lonsdale is very partial to cooperative work and would presumably welcome a cooperative arrangement. If the Academy could find the money to employ me for 3 to 4 months (or less) each summer, arrangements probably could be made satisfactory to both institutions. All paleontologic and taxonomic manuscripts might be turned over to the Academy and the stratigraphic and economic manuscripts to the Bureau. Such a plan or a modification of it would be of great aid to both institutions. The Academy would be ensured to receive a steady stream of excellent Tertiary collections with the best stratigraphic information, a live connection with progress of geologic science in the Coastal Plain, and publications that would be in demand from geologists in the south. Incidentally, the financial burden for the Academy would be small. I cannot help being enthusiastic about such a plan, because it would solve a great many difficulties and promises to advance paleontologic research in this line. The problem is to sell this idea to Cadwalader, and I don't even know how one might approach him.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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