

To Dr. J.T. Saunders,
Secretary General of the Faculties
The Old Schools
Cambridge

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Dear Mr. Saunders,

I am addressed to you by Professor Fisher, to whom I have asked a leave of absence for the next academic year. The financial position of my family has changed since my father's death, which occurred last year while I was in Cambridge, and needs my attention. Moreover, I have recently been adopted by a relative of mine, which fact has altered my family name as written below and imposed on me certain duties that demand my presence here for a longish time.

I should feel very distressed if my absence meant an interruption of the research work on bacterial genetics which was started two years ago, and for which a bacteriological laboratory has been built in Professor Fisher's Department. Luckily, Dr. Maccacaro, who worked with me last year under a Rockefeller grant, will be spending another year there and will be continuing research in the same line, thus ensuring continuity of work.

I should be grateful if the General Board would consider my application for an unpaid leave for the next academic year. I am sorry for the delay in making formal application, but I am still at home, where I came for holidays at the end of August.

Yours sincerely

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