

DEPARTMENT OF  
ZOOLOGY AND COMPARATIVE ANATOMY,  
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My dear Fisher,

I have just seen in the papers, with anger and surprise, that the Council of the Zoological Society have turned Julian out of his post as Secretary. It seems to me an unjust as well as an ill advised action. Julian agreed to a 50% cut in salary when the war started! He did not, I know, expect this treatment when he left for America, though there was always some serious opposition to him from lesser men than himself. It could not have been done in a more ugly way than to turn him out in his absence.

Of what can the Council be thinking: is it possible they do not realize that Julian was one of their greatest assets? The loss of his personality and work will be immeasurable to the Zoo.

I do not <sup>think</sup> ~~know~~ that I can remain a Fellow of a Society that has treated Julian like this, and it is possible that you may feel as I do on the point. What I personally wish to do is to resign, stating briefly why I am doing so. Before taking any action however, I should much like to have your opinion.

Further, I do not yet know the exact position.  
I suppose that the Council can do no more than  
make a recommendation to a General Meeting of the  
Society, then to be voted upon. Doubtless recommendations  
from Council normally go through. If this is correct,  
it might be best for Julian's supporters to do nothing  
until the meeting - which they should attend and so  
vote for him, before taking further action and voting  
from the Society.

Ever yours,

Henry