

19th March 1934.

The Provost,  
University College,  
Gower Street, W.C.1.

Dear Provost,

I am very much afraid that we shall have to drop the project of creating a readership in this Department, as I cannot get Ford. He is, as I expected, greatly attracted by the kind of work we might have done together. As Oxford have clearly seen trouble coming, they have raised his pay by £150, last autumn, so that he has in his present post about £700 already with automatic rises which will carry him to about £950, without further promotion. This we cannot compete with and I should not in any case care to offer him worse prospects than he has already.

I suppose we should meet on Tuesday and arrange, and if you agree I shall propose to take no immediate step in the matter of creating a readership.

I believe the right course in my department will be to make two quite junior appointments on genetical or biological, and

statistical or mathematical qualifications respectively,  
if only respectable candidates can be found.

yours sincerely,