Johns Hopkins University.

Baltimore, Feb. 15, 18

President's Office.

Dear Dr. Welch,

Enclose an official note.

but I must add personally that
our action is hearty, unanimous,
to earnest. You must come. You
may be sure of a personal
social welcome as hearty
as your official call.

Your very truly,

[Signature]

Dr. Welch
Dear Sir,

The Executive Committee of this University met this afternoon and authorized me to say that they would like to nominate you to the Board of Trustees as Professor of Pathology in our Medical Faculty. They will propose that your salary be $4000. per annum for the first two years, then $4500. for two years more, and then $5000.- the Compensation to begin with our next academic year, September 1, 1884.

It is expected that you will have such laboratory facilities & assistants as may be requisite. The Trustees will favor your spending a considerable part of next year or the whole of it abroad.

Yours Respectfully

Dr. Welch
Dear Sir.

Your letter informing me of the action of the Executive Committee of the Johns Hopkins University is altogether satisfactory to me. I wish to express my thanks for the personal note which you enclosed with the official letter and which was very gratifying to me. I need not say that I esteem the proposal of my name for the Professorship of Pathology in the Johns Hopkins University as a very great honor.

My inclinations are most decidedly toward accepting the position. It does not seem to me probable that any similar opportunities for pathological work can be afforded me here in New York.

My friends here are making extraordinary efforts to induce me to remain. It seems incomprehensible to most of them that anyone who is established in New York should be willing to leave. I have been asked to name my conditions for remaining here. I have named them and I can not imagine that they can be fulfilled. I was told to-day, however, that fifty thousand dollars have been raised to build me a laboratory. But there is little probability that my salary or that of assistants can be guaranteed, or that other conditions can be fulfilled.

I prefer a studious and academic life to the restless, if in some respects more brilliant, career in New York. You will infer that I am strongly drawn by my inclinations toward the Johns Hopkins University. I have, of course, formed strong attachments in New York which it is hard to break, and it seemed ungracious not to be willing to name any conditions upon which I would consent to stay.

When I left Baltimore I did not foresee any obstacles to a speedy and favorable reply to the proposition then made. I hope before long to be able to give you my decision, but a little delay seems unavoidable.

Very Respectfully Yours,

(Signed) William H. Welch.

Pres. D. C. Gilman
Dr. Wm. H. Welch,
New York:

Sir,

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Johns Hopkins University held yesterday, the Executive Committee nominated you to be Professor of Pathology in the Medical Faculty of this University. The nomination was unanimously approved and you were appointed to that post, with the understanding that your annual salary should be $4,000. for two years from September 1, 1884, then $4,500. for two years, and then $5,000. I hope that we may receive an early acknowledgment of this note.

Yours respectfully,

J. H. Gilman
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April 9th, 1884

President D. C. Gilman
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Sir.

Your letter informing me of my appointment as Professor of Pathology in the Medical Faculty of the Johns Hopkins University is received. I accept the position with great satisfaction, and I beg you to express to the Trustees of the University my thanks and my high appreciation of the honor which they have conferred upon me.

Yours Respectfully,

(Signed) William H. Welch.