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GEBEL MOYA - BUXTON, DUDLEY

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Mr. Smith.

re Mr. Dudley Buxton.

Mr. Buxton called here last night on his way to Cyprus.

With reference to the remuneration due to him he said he spent five weekends in preparing the H.M.M. exhibit from Gebel Moya working eight hours per day, each of these week ends being equivalent to two days. He also tells me he worked whole time in London on the H.M.M. Gebel Moya exhibit from June 17th to the 30th. This I think will clear up the matter of the time he worked prior to leaving for Oxford.

20 September 1913.

Wigmore Street.

Mr. Smith.

Herewith Mr. Dudley Buxton's "Report of Work on Gebel Moya Bones", which Miss Maund has sent to me. I think you had better file it with the other papers you have of his.

C.J.S.T.

pp. R.J.

21st August 1913.

Wigmore Street.



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ANATOMY  
UNIVERSITY MUSEUM,  
OXFORD.

July 31  
1913.

Dr. L. F.

Referring to your letter  
of July 25<sup>th</sup>, I regret  
that you are unable  
to engage W. Buxton  
under the conditions  
stated in my letter of  
July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Yours truly  
Arthur Thomson.

St. S. Welcomes Eq. . .



W. P. N.

25 July 1913.

Dear Sir,

In applying to you to grant Mr. Dudley Buxton leave of absence to join my expedition to the Sudan during the coming season, I had no thought of asking you to make any sacrifice of the interests of the University. On the other hand I anticipated you might share the view which has been taken by institutions which, under similar circumstances, have previously granted leave to enable members of their staff to get practical field experience with my expedition and others, and thus increase their practical knowledge and likewise increase their value to the institution as teachers.

Mr. Dudley Buxton is a young man of great promise and in whom I have taken a very great interest. During the past season he was initiated into field work at my camp under many disadvantages, particularly that we were excavating only the fringe of the site and the remains found were mostly in a very damaged condition. This winter it is proposed to excavate the very heart of the site where we expect to find our best examples and the study of the materials in situ cannot fail to be of exceptional educational value, particularly having regard to the unique character of the site and the facilities granted to the workers.

I had proposed to give Mr. Dudley Buxton responsible duties which it would be necessary for him to take up on the spot not later than the 1st or middle of November and to remain at his post



until the middle or end of April. Anything short of this would be impracticable. Other institutions have in such cases found no great difficulty in procuring a temporary substitute to take up the duties. In such cases I understand the remuneration of the member of the staff, or such part of the remuneration as is deemed necessary, is allocated to the temporary substitute.

I remain,

Yours very truly.

Professor A. Thomson,  
Department of Human Anatomy,  
University Museum,  
Oxford.



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Thompson-  
(P.S. - A.)

I remain  
Yours very truly

Some suggestion had been  
made to me that you  
might obtain a temporary  
substitute for Mr. Boyle.

This is the crucial  
year of the execution  
of the bill &  
Boyle has so far  
into the week & commenced  
it well -

He has a deep interest  
in the work & would  
like to complete it.  
Great opportunity to  
acquire a unique  
experience with the



community-owned sheep  
Season begins on Nov 1st  
unless he can begin  
then till the end of  
April It would be  
quite useless.

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The morning Call  
was handed to  
me for one winter  
Season by Dr Perry  
I have no doubt  
we experienced men  
could be found to take  
up the duties.

Healing Art are represented from the early days of our  
civilisation down to more recent times.



Dear Sir

(1)

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Mr. Dudley Ruston leave  
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<sup>under similar circumstances</sup>  
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members of their staff  
<sup>to get</sup> <sup>with my expedition and others</sup> practical field  
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increase their practical  
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<sup>1st or</sup> middle of November and  
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it would be necessary for  
him <sup>and</sup> to remain at his post  
until ~~at~~ the middle <sup>or end</sup> of  
April. Anything short  
of this would be impracticable  
~~as it would~~

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OXFORD

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1913

Dear Sir

Although fully alive  
to the advantages of such  
an arrangement as you  
suggest, and whilst anxious  
in every way to oblige  
your convenience, I fear  
it will not be possible  
for me to allow Mr. Bayliss  
to be absent so long from  
his University duties.

In any event I  
should require his ser-  
vices by the 8<sup>th</sup> of January,  
as it is not merely a



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matters of Mr. Buxton's own  
work that is involved, but  
the preparations of students  
for examination.

The appointment is a  
new one, & was only secured  
after considerable difficulty,  
& it would be most hazardous  
ours to suggest to the  
University the propriety  
of granting Mr. Buxton  
leave of absence for so  
long. You must bear  
in mind that the resources  
of the University are very



limited & the authorities  
naturally desire to  
see what money they  
spent utilized for the  
purpose for which it  
was granted.

It would be possible  
for me to dispense with  
Mr. Buxton's services  
next term, so that after  
the beginning of August  
he would be at your  
disposal like Jan 18  
1913. and his concession  
I only grant in Mr.  
Buxton's own interests, for



he has still much to  
do to equip himself  
efficiently for his  
sole position

After this explanation  
of the situation I hope  
you may still see your  
way to employ Mr.  
Buxton for the whole  
period

Very truly  
yours  
A. S. Williams

A. S. Williams Esq.



*Egypt Moya*  
11th July 1913.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Dudley Buxton, who was on the staff of my archaeological expedition in the Soudan in the early part of the year, has probably mentioned to you the fact that I am desirous of having his assistance during the coming season. I therefore write to ask you if it is possible for him to be liberated from his duties in order that he may carry on the work upon which he was engaged last spring.

It would be necessary for Mr. Buxton to leave for Egypt on the 1st November and he would be back about the 30th April. His assistance would be of great value to me, and he would have the advantage of working in one of the most important parts of the site which I am about to open up. He would thus gain experience which would be of service to him in his work at the Museum and also in his future career, and he would also have an opportunity of studying a large quantity of human remains of exceptional interest.

Mr. Balfour, whom I had the pleasure of seeing last week, kindly promised to explain the matter to you fully, and I trust you will be able to see your way to lend me Mr. Buxton's services.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Professor Arthur Thomson,  
The Museum of Anatomy,  
Oxford.