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MONTREAL

A - June 8, 1927. Archibald to Penfield from

June 8th,
1927.

Dr. Wilder Penfield,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Penfield:

A - I am looking for a man to come up to Montreal and do neurological surgery. Such a man would have a practically independent service in the Royal Victoria Hospital, and would also have a University appointment. There would be no particular salary, but it could be practically guaranteed that all the private work of this nature in the Hospital would go to him. The field is open; there is nobody else doing it in Montreal, except one of the juniors at the General Hospital, who is also a general surgeon. The Medical Board of the Royal Victoria Hospital is supporting me unanimously, as also the Board of Trustees.

I am writing to ask whether you would consider a position of this sort.

I have been doing this work up to the present, but I am anxious to devote myself more to lung surgery, and I would turn over to you everything in neurological surgery that came my way, and I know that all the others of the staff would do the same.

A - I have hitherto considered only Gilbert Horrax for this position, and, indeed, offered it to him, but he is too firmly planted in Boston. You are the next one in my mind, and I shall do nothing further in the matter until I have a reply from you. I would be glad to run down for a day to New York, and see you, preferably on a day when you could show me some operating, and I could then give you further particulars and answer questions. On the other hand the Medical Board, before coming to a final decision, would want you to come up and interview a special committee. You would want to do so anyhow, in order to look over the ground before coming to a final decision. I would suggest, as I understand you are going to London in July, that you make your arrangements to sail from Montreal, and spend the day or two previous up here. I shall have to be out of town from the fifteenth to the nineteenth of this month, but might be able to spend a day in New York either before or after those dates.

With all best wishes, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Edward Archibald,

Telegrams

D. Archibald

~~I thank you for your letter
I am honored and
very much interested
Anxious to talk
with you about the
proposition. Nothing
on hand for operation
on 14th. May have
something ^{in the days following the} ~~of~~ 19th~~

~~Please take plan to
take dinner with~~

us.
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Thank you for letter
Very interested if there are
facilities to develop
experimental, pathological
and operative ~~clinics~~
sides of neurosurgical
~~clinics.~~ ↑ Anxious

~~to talk with you. Nothing~~
~~little~~ operative material
Possibly better
for 14th. May have
something following
19th. Please plan to
live with us. ~~(stop)~~

~~Have no capital to use~~
~~Have no capital~~ ^(stop) Is transplant
possible without starvation ^(stop)

Sent June 12
right letter.