

28th August, 1935

Dear Dr Allen,

In suggesting a couple of months delay in the commencement of Gross' tenure of the position you are making for him at Plymouth I was only attempting to serve his interests and to overcome the difficulties with which he is faced. If you feel that the consideration of the seasonal abundance of ~~plants~~^{plants} is so important that you ought to insist on an early start, I shall certainly not press any alternative. I should guess, though some of the more important species may not be available, that there would always be at Plymouth a greater variety of material than any single worker could study from the point of view of their cultural requirements. But you are especially an expert on this matter, and I am not, so that, if you prefer to press the point, I am willing to recommend Gross to go at once. I am not sure, however, from your letter whether you have yet fully considered his own position.

Yours sincerely,