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Letters between Arthur Stover and W. J. Kerr

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President W. J. Kerr,
Agricultural College of Utah,
Logan, Utah.

My dear Sir:—

Your kind favor of March 29th is received. I have noted its contents with much pleasure and feel myself flattered at being afforded the opportunity of becoming a candidate for the prospective position it is your desire to have filled. Although my position here under the cooperative arrangement between the State University and the Government Irrigation Investigations is entirely satisfactory and the prospects for advancement are quite bright, yet I am not averse to considering the proposition you make, for in addition to being thus associated with the Institution to which I am naturally drawn I could under such an arrangement be near my home and in close touch with our property interests there.

I should like very much to know more of the position that is likely to be open especially in regard to the work that will devolve upon the one receiving the appointment, I should also like to know what will be his status in the College and in the Department of Engineering and also what will be his relation if any to the work of the Experiment Station. I am greatly interested in the subject of irrigation and anything along this line in the way of original research and investigation would be exactly to my liking. Irrigation in its various phases is my specialty of course, I would not however be unwilling to teach in other allied subjects such as Hydraulics, Survey—
I am promised for the coming year something better than $1500 per annum. The compensation which I might expect would of course depend upon the rate of advancement which I might expect and upon the work that would be required.

I wish to thank you for the honor you have done me in considering my name in connection with the proposed appointment. I shall be pleased to furnish you with references and with statements as to my eligibility and fitness for the position should you desire them.

Sincerely Yours,
Mr. Arthur P. Stover,
Berkeley, Cal.
My dear Sir:-

I am just in receipt of your favor of the 2d inst. In reply, will say that, should you be employed by the College, you would be in charge of the work in civil and irrigation engineering, with the title of Assistant Professor. Practically all your time would be required in this department of the College, and you would have no connection with the Experiment Station. You would, of course, be in close touch with the Station work in irrigation, as well as with all irrigation enterprises throughout the state. Should your work prove satisfactory, you would be promoted to a full professorship after the first year.

Kindly send me any references you may desire to give, and also a detailed statement of the work you have done since you graduated from this institution.

Yours very truly,

W. J. KERR, President.

By