

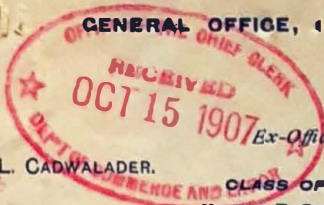
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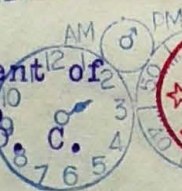
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Dear Sir:-

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During the month of November next, I propose to make, in company with Dr. D. T. MacDougal, Director of the Desert Botanical Laboratory at Tucson, and Game-Commissioner John M. Phillips, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, a zoological and botanical reconnaissance of a tract of unexplored territory in northwestern Sonora. It is our intention to be in the field one month. We expect to reach the International Boundary at Sonoyta about November 5th.

J. D. Wilton
Mr. Jefferson Melton, an Inspector of your Emigrant Bureau, stationed on the boundary east and west of Sonoyta, desires to spend his annual leave of absence in our company, and we very greatly desire to have him do so. He is acquainted with all the country that we will traverse along the International Boundary, and his friendly co-operation would be of great assistance to us. If granted leave of absence, he will accompany us without remuneration of any kind, for the purpose of gratifying his long-standing desire to learn the character of the unexplored territory between Quitobaquita and the Gulf of California.

Dr. MacDougal has informed me by wire that it is necessary to secure your authorization for the leave of absence which Mr. Melton desires to spend in our company. We therefore respectfully request that, if it be consistent with the interests of your Department, that Mr. Melton be granted leave of absence for the month of November, on the understanding that the time is to be spent with our scientific expedition in the vicinity of his station.

I will add, for your information, that the results of the trip will be devoted to the interests of the general public, as represented by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, and the Carnegie Institution of Pittsburg. The President has very kindly interested himself in our behalf, and has caused the State Department to forward to the Mexican Government our application for authority to enter Mexico with our scientific equipment.

Earnestly hoping that it will be possible for you to grant us the favor which we request, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

William T. Hornaday