

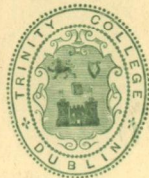
before Aug 9th - 94 to some U.S.
citizen. If so my invention in
U.S. dates back to date of letter.

Can you recollect any mention
of the matter to scientific friends
and approximate dates -

A line of return will
greatly oblige me as all
information must be in by
Oct 3rd and an affidavit
by me has just to be drawn up.

Yours very sincerely
J. Pollock.

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Sept 11th - 95

My dear Prof Wyld

I have been recalled
by my patent agent in connection
with U.S. patent. McDonough
feeling to get interference on his
-92 patent has applied
for a patent identical with
mine and is resorting to the
plan of "swearing back" as
it is termed. He has to
get anyone to testify that
before Aug 9th - 94 he had

disclosed the invention to him.
This would mean "discovery"
in America before me as
Aug 9-94 is date of my U.S.
application. Absurd as this
may sound it puts my patent
in serious danger - for Bullt says
that the law there is altogether
in favor of U.S. citizens and
where it can be done
patents are believed in their
favor. Now although Mr D.
will be quite prepared to
swear back to Aug 9th 94
if my invention was in any
way brought into U.S. before

that date he will be cut
out. The fact that I had
protection in England dating
from Apr 17th 53 is no avail
to me. 3/23

Bullt says that if any of my
friends write any particulars
to any citizen of U.S. or told
any particulars to any one
who would carry same to U.S.
this counts as 'discovery' in
U.S. ^{by me} provided the particulars
relate to my invention.

It has occurred to me that
possibly you may have written