

that I will stay here for another year and  
take my chance for a fellowship in Physics.

Yours very sincerely

John S. Townsend

P.S. The testimonial which you gave me two  
years ago I am sending in, <sup>with</sup> ~~to~~ my application  
for the professorship in Astronomy, which I  
hope I am at liberty to do as it has no reference  
to any particular appointment?

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Dear Mr FitzGerald

It is very good of you to offer  
to recommend me to the Board for  
Joly's place in the Laboratory. I am  
sure it would be far pleasanter for  
me in every way to be in Dublin  
but the chances of promotion <sup>of</sup> in Ireland  
are so small that I am not sure that  
it would be very wise for me to leave  
Cambridge. There has not been a fellowship



given in Physics here for the last three years  
and as there will be four fellowships in  
Trinity next year and there is no Cambridge  
man that is any good in that subject,  
a research student might have a chance.

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Of course fellowship here is only a 7 years  
appointment but the salary attached to it  
is £250 a year and can be doubled by  
staying here and doing college lectures &c.

The question of salary is of course a  
more important to me than ~~it~~ to Joly or Trouton  
so that they could better afford to be content  
with a nice appointment in Dublin with a small  
salary than I could. I think therefore that  
if I don't get the professorship in Astronomy