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From Whitfield to Halliburton.

*King Coll.
CUS417/10279*

The Arboretum
Mildenhall,
Suffolk.
21.viii.04.

Dear Halliburton,

A suggestion has been made to me that it might be possible to secure Osler as Clinical Professor of Medicine at King's with twenty beds.

Of course nothing definite can be done without the sanction of the Medical Board and Council but it is thought that someone might ask Osler if his duties as R.P.P. at Oxford would allow of his accepting this post at King's and if so if he would be prepared to allow his nomination by the Council. It is a little delicate as some of the physicians at King's might object and he must therefore be asked only for information. It occurs to me that you know him well and I think perhaps you could sound him on the subject. If so will you do so at once so as to take time by the forelock? As soon as possible things might be set in train if there is any possibility of our getting him. It would almost certainly do us a lot of good and I hope there is sufficient patriotism in the school to push it through.

My address is here until the thirtieth. Sorry to bother you on your holiday but I have had quite a lot of school work myself.

Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR WHITFIELD.