



VICE-CHANCELLOR:

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FROM
THE VICE-CHANCELLOR,
THE UNIVERSITY,
MANCHESTER.

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Dear Principal,

This Summer we shall lose our Professor of Law, H.J. Brierly, who has been appointed to the Chair of International Law at Oxford.

A Committee of the Senate is engaged in making preliminary enquiries concerning those who might possibly be invited to occupy the vacant chair, and among those whose names have been brought to their notice is Professor H.A. Smith.

I shall be much obliged if you will let me have for the private information of the Committee your opinion concerning his qualifications as a teacher and as head of a Department. We know his distinguished academic record, and I am to some extent personally acquainted with him but his teaching experience has mainly been in Montreal. We should like to know what opportunities he has had with you for showing his capacity as an organiser and for influencing professional men in the City; in addition to your opinion concerning his powers as a teacher and his relations with students and colleagues.

I should also be very grateful if you can let me know whether there is reason to believe that Professor Smith would be available for the Manchester post, and whether he would wish to be considered for it, and whether he would accept the Chair in the event