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Dear Mr. Abbe,

On my return here from Philadelphia and Baltimore, I found a letter from Mr. Gouche in which he declines to become a candidate for the position. Have also had definite news from Mr. Munroe - he has also virtually declined. Neither Rensselaer nor Barker were to be found, so that Mr. Snyton is the only remaining one, and as I told you in my last letter, his recommendation from Corbin, Gibbs and Jackson were

of the highest order, and as in addition he seems really anxious to fill the position, it appears to me that his claims should receive the first consideration.

Though he has not paid the same attention to Blowpipe-analysis and Mineralogy as Dr. Gonche, having been more especially occupied in organic analysis, yet from all that was said I should say he would find little difficulty in rubbing up on the other branches.

Prof. Cook also names a Mr. Maybury. Should you desire it I could go again to Boston, to have an interview with one or both of the gentlemen; otherwise I shall expect to return to Cleveland on receipt of your answer.

Very sincerely yours
Albert A. Michelson