

Joseph Bell correspondence

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Name of Creator: W. Saggin; J. Bell; M. Cleary

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1 **1883, August 31**

Letter to Joseph Bell M.D. from W. Saggin requesting leave to sit the Double Qualification Examination without having completed the time requirement, as he has been forced to abandon his farming enterprise in Ireland and has to support a wife who is in poor health and eight children.

2 **1883, September 1**

Covering letter from Joseph Bell to Dr James testifying to Saggin's diligence and recommending that he accede to his request to be allowed to sit the examination nine months short of completing the period of study normally required. With stamped envelope. (2 items)

3 **1884, December 5**

Letter to Dr James from Michael Cleary asking for a statement to the effect that he had stood for the Double Qualification in Edinburgh and that his certificates had been examined and found correct as his certificates have been mislaid and he claims it is unsafe for him to return to Edinburgh. With stamped envelope. (2 items)
