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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing a communication from the teacher of the semson's Day School in which she asks the Department to grant her some assistance in getting up her usual Christmas tree for the pupils.

In reply I beg to say that the Department is not prepared to make any allowance for this purpose this Christmas, as it is not considered that the attendance would justify it. You will be good enough to inform the tempher accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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