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Owing to the prevailing un-employment among physicists on this side, any position here will be restricted to candidates from the United Kingdom. There remains the refuge of unemployed Canadians, the United States, though I suspect that the situation there is at present not promising.

At any rate, I venture to hope that, in comparing the respective merits of myself and of William Watson, who informed me that he was applying for the position, my previous experience of, and interest in, Mr Gill will not be considered in itself a disqualification. With renewed thanks and all good wishes for your voyage, I remain,

Sir, yours very faithfully
J. J. Thomson