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LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FROM THE

PRESIDENT.

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY,

1, SAVILE ROW, BURLINGTON GARDENS,

January 13, 1873.

DEAR MR. LOWE,

I have this day, at the First Meeting of the Council of the Royal Geographical Society since the Christmas recess, laid before them your letter of the 31st ult., communicating the decision of Mr. Goschen and yourself that the documents submitted to you by our deputation of December 16th, do not show any pressing reason for sending out an Arctic Expedition this year.

The Council are glad to see that you do not express an opinion as to the expediency of sending such an Expedition at a future time. This does not, of course, involve any promise upon your part to reconsider our application; but it, nevertheless, emboldens us to hope that the additional arguments in favour of Arctic Exploration, with which we expect to be soon fortified, may prevail on Mr. Goschen and yourself to sanction, later in the year, the preparation of an Expedition which may leave England for Smith Sound in the Spring of 1874, and thus furnish a fitting and much needed complement to the Scientific voyage of the *Challenger*.

I remain,

Yours most faithfully,

(Signed) H. C. RAWLINSON,
President R.G.S.

Right Hon. Robert Lowe, M.P.,
Chancellor of the Exchequer.