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My dear Sir,

I am sorry to see that the speech from the throne holds out so much reason for retrenchment in the public service. I hope the mischief will not extend to the support of Science. My chief reason is that I had hoped and Mr Selwyn had given me some reason to expect that something would be done for my friend Dr. Huxington, the chemist of the Geol. Survey. He has for several years been doing all the work that

Dr Hunt did for half
the salary, an arrange-
ment instituted under the
late Government and in
which he requested under
the understanding that it
would be merely temporary.
He is a man of high
education and scientific
ability and may very
soon one of these days
be bought off from us
altogether. If kept on the
stimulation salary of \$300
per annum, in which he

might not be able to come
but for the future we
give him for some lectures
in the college. If we could
take him altogether I should
be glad; but we cannot
yet do so and in the
mean time we may
lose him. It seems
very strange that men
of the highest scientific
standing and of whom
the country should be
proud are kept at
the salary of mere

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Clerk Hunt should have
been better treated than
he was; and ^{had} it not
been that Warrington
happened to be a hand
his place could not
have been filled;
and I think it was
wrong for the Govt to take
advantage of the vacancy
& of Warrington's death
to reduce the salary. I am
sure some remedy would be pleased
to have this remedied; and
I hope that notwithstanding the
depressed times something may
be done.

Please do not trouble to answer
this, which I have ventur'd to write
but for my own curiosity & the inquiry of
friends.
Gives J. W. Dawson