

Johnson

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My dear Sir

On thinking further
over the question of the
employment of the
two 4 inch telescopes,
as it seems to me beyond
question that the Committee
of the Royal Society
approve of their use,
so it seems clear
that, if we have any
doubt of the possibility
of using them ourselves,
we ought at once
(not "soon" as I wrote in
my letter of the 22nd inst)

Take measures to place
them at the disposal
of others.

One of them belongs
to Mr G. A. Drummond
(he has never made a
formal gift of it to the
College). It would
only be proper then, I think
to write to him telling
him of what valuable
use it may be turned
and asking him to
make a public offer
of it, if he thinks proper,
to any person or body
able and willing to
use it. As note to
this effect you might

Kindly write to Lewis, if in
your judgment the
best thing to be done —
Mr McLeod could pack
up the telescope.

The other belongs to the
Drafalgar Institute,
of which I trust you are
a trustee. At your
suggestion, the trustees
would, no doubt, take
similar steps with
regard to it.

If we do not this,
we shall, without doubt
be held responsible
by public opinion
for a lost opportunity.

Yours very truly
Alexander James

J.S. I have written to Mr

Cardinal Liguori
about his proposed
arrangements ^{since Mr Gordon's return} but
there has been no time
to get to receive an
answer

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