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Sir W. Dawson

Sir William,

I am extremely sorry you should have to be troubled about the Foreign Periodicals I have sent to your Natural History Society.

But I cannot accept the blame — as if you recollect when here, my clerk ordered the Foreign periodicals at once & it was only on account of the intricacy of getting the numbers that there was the delay in not having them here before you left. You therefore could not well wish to cancel the order when the articles would have been in the way to me.

I would rather lose than cause you annoyance

as I know how occupied you must be, &
only acted in this matter to oblige. But I certainly
don't see that I ought to lose everything, though
a mistake - or confusion not caused by myself.

I will accept what amount your Nat. Hist. Socy.
will pay for the invoice, but I cannot profit all
& in making this concession, I merely do it on
your behalf. It appears to me the Society were
acting too hastily in applying elsewhere & that they
have certainly placed themselves in the position
of loss - without any excuse whatever.

Your obedient servant

Bernard Quaritch
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