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My dear Dr. Dawson -

The position of the Colonial Museum
is this :-

at the close of the Paris Exhibition
several of the colonies sent important
contributions to London, for which the
Prince of Wales found storage room
in the South Kensington Buildings, until
it could be seen whether the various
colonies would make the necessary grants
to establish a museum, for which these
objects were intended as a nucleus.

I am sorry to say that very little
has been done - I hear ^{however} that one
or two public-spirited gentlemen have
contributed enough to meet the preliminary
expenses

Expresses of having the Articles
unpacked and properly displayed
in the hope that this may make
the advantages of having such
a museum apparent, and lead
to the different Colonies giving
it their support.

The Buildings will be given free
by The Royal Commissioners provided
the Museum is made fairly
attractive -

I understand that the
Canadian Government will not
make any grant, and I fear
some of the Australian Colonies
are equally indisposed -

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The nucleus is there however,
now, and I should not wonder
if it would grow. I think it would
be very desirable for you to mention
the matter to the Members of the
Duminiu Government, and if they
could arrange with you to send
your valuable collection here, it
would be a very important
contribution both to the good of
science, and in aid of the
Museum -

I need not say that I will
be very glad to do every thing I
can to further the object, but it
will

will be necessary to obtain some small grants from the Colonies to support it.

The Prince of Wales is very anxious to countenance and further it, and has made a personal effort to get the Space and Buildings free to the Colonies. —

Believe me, Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

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