

London 27 April 87

Dear Sir William,

I duly received
your note & have written
to Mr. McShane urging
the Claims of the N. H. S.
on Government for the
usual Annual Grants.

And as you suggested pointing
out the good work the Society
is doing & the publication
of the Record of Science &
the valuable ^{Papers} published in
it by some of our ablest
Naturalists & Scientists &c.

I am dear Sir
Yours very truly
Edw. Murray

W. Dawson

Murphy
Messey

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