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Dear Sir William,

When I wrote you
respecting myself, it was
without the least thought
of asking you to
direct attention in
any quarter to the
marks of imperial distinctions
It was a
sort of lament which
obtained expression
in writing none who,
I trust, could understand
my feeling in the matter.

Bourmont
Oct 1887

— I quite agree with your
views as to the meeting of the
A. S. C. The part is now
in the regular Estimates.

We had the pleasure
yesterday of your son's company
at dinner. It is indeed
a pleasure to talk with one
so remarkably well informed

Yours sincerely,
Jno Geo Bourmont

A. I have just heard a report
of the sudden death of
my old friend, Spencer Plumb.
He was lying upon a couple
of days ago. Gutchell &
a good spirit. So he is here!

But since you have
expressed an opinion
~~and shown your~~ interest
how would it do to write
a few words to Lord Sausdovone
to Lord Somers privately, stating
your own view on the matter?

I know the ^{former} is exceedingly
well disposed towards me;

& a number of prominent
members are about directing
his attention to the same subject.

Of course I should not like
to ^{know} him "that" I have
written you on the question.
I can fairly claim the
honour as well as Mr.
Palgrave; but since I have

been Clerk of the House, I
have not only performed the
duties of that office, but have
added those of D. Todd.
as far as Constitutional practice
is concerned. But of course,

you can only refer the
matter from your own point
of view. But I do not
mean you to do anything
that does not commend itself
to your judgment.

The fact is, I am struggling
to get back into the world,
to stimulate my ambition
since so much has slipped
from my grasp.