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Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge  
 the receipt of your letter of the  
 21st inst concerning the applica-  
 tion of Mr S. M. Dawson  
 for the Non-  
 Professional fee

Mr S. M. D's testimonials  
 are of a high order and little  
 doubt can be entertained that  
 his qualifications for the Non-  
 equal of our Superior to those  
 of any other applicant, but as  
 he is already doing valuable  
 service as one of the staff, it  
 has been thought by the Director  
 that it would better preserve  
 the interests of the Survey not  
 to transfer him to the ordinary  
 position.

Signed Laird