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2. Bedford Place
18 April 1847

My Dear Owen

I inclose a copy of a letter I have written to Dr Alison, which I hope places the matter on its proper ground; and I trust that I may have the gratification of being soon able to tell you that it has met with the reception it ought.

Yours faithfully
Leonard Horner
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I beg your acceptance of a copy of my address at the

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Casa Fabiani
Piazza Pitti, 1729
Florence 22d Octr 1861

My Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 17th Instant. As nothing has been definitively settled by the Authorities at Sandhurst it is not necessary to take into consideration what course it will be best to take in the event of your resignation of your office. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof". No doubt those who take into consideration the loss which the Society would sustain by that event will direct their minds to the probability of the occurrence, so that when it does come to pass they may not be unprepared to meet it, but it is not necessary for me now to do what I intended, viz to write formally to the Council, I may before them my views on the subject. If therefore you receive such a communication from Sandhurst as will make it necessary for you to send in your resignation, I shall be obliged by your giving me early intimation of it.

I thank you for what you tell me of the state of affairs in Somerset House, especially as to the good prospect of interesting matter

coming forward for the meetings, and the progress making in the work in which I take a particular interest, the bringing into due order our valuable foreign collections. I am very sure from past experience that nothing will be wanting on the part of Mr Jenkins & Mr Slater, to whom I beg to be kindly remembered. I hope when Jenkins is attending Mr Huxley's lectures which he expressed a desire to do, & in which, in the plenitude of my presidential power during the vacation, I appointed him. I shall not forget to mention the matter in the letter I intend to send to Mr Smyth to be read at the Council on the 6 of Nov.

I hope Mrs Charlton's new companion will not, in addition to his own comfort, interfere with that of his daughters, as such connection too often do. Remember me to her with much kind & deserving person.

I am sorry to learn that your eyes are again troubling you. I fear that your work by much by Candle light. I wish you would consult Mr Bowman.

I spent a pleasant & instructive day with Professor Savi at Pisa, & had an hour's talk with Professor Meneghini. I have not yet seen Professor Cocchi, we have mutually missed each other. He is so incessantly occupied as one of the Jury at the Exhibition that he is scarcely ever at the Museum of Natural History, where by-the-bye I hope to spend some time with him.

We have had a sudden change of temperature from great heat to a sharp cold wind; but to-day it has again improved.

Remember me kindly to Mr Roberts: tell Lyell, whom I have authorized to open all letters that come to me in London, writes to me that he had come from Mr Roberts, asking whether some publications left for me should be forwarded. I will still like to keep on the Society. Be so good as discontinue the Geologist I subscribed for after the Dec number.

It will be a pleasure to me to hear from you now & then to learn any geological news, & particularly matters relating to the Society & its meetings.

I am happy to be able to say that my fellow travellers & I myself are in good health.

Believe me My Dear Sir
Most truly Yours
Leonard Horner

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