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THE OWENS COLLEGE,
MANCHESTER,

My dear Spencer,

You will be pleased to hear that my name has been submitted to the Queen for appointment to the Chair of Nat. Hist. at Cork". Of course I ought to start as soon as I get the Royal Warrant, wh. is but a matter of days. Well, to get a substitute for a few weeks - till Xmas is no easy matter, when ^{acting as such} ~~of course~~ gives no claim for the post, wh. will be duly advertised for. Hence in our perplexity we turn to you & ask if you can come over ~~as early~~ I believe me as early as possible during the next fortnight. In asking you this I have Dr Marshall's express sanction & approval - he will probably ^{write} ~~write~~ tonight but I don't want to wait. Ward will take my share of the evening Bot any work, so that you wd only be under Marshall. Of course if this would really be detrimental to your studies we would not wish it; otherwise, I venture to appeal to your friend

ship, which has previously stood
me in good stead. The pay would
be at the rate of £50 the term I
think, it would say 4gs a week.
If you can manage it ~~put~~ you
mind writing or writing probable
date of being here, without delay.
I shall be glad - other things apart
- of the opportunity of shaking hands
with you before you go.

Yr most faithfully
Wm. M. Stewart