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Royal College of Surgeons of England,
Lincoln's Inn Fields,

(W.C.)

5th day of Dec. 1882

My dear General

When you spoke to me
about the Presidency of
the Anthropological Institute
on Tuesday last, I was
rather taken by surprise,
& without sufficient reflection
upon what it would entail
told you that I might
take it: if offered I should

I have however thought
more fully about it since,
and feel that the official
work of various kinds,
which I already undertake
is quite as much as I
can do with justice to
myself as Doan's
institutions into which I am
connected.

I have not ~~not~~ come
to this decision without
much consideration, and
with great reluctance.

as I should have been
my glad to have been of
use to the Institute if
possible, and any request
made by you, I decline
with particular regret.

Looking over the list of
vice Presidents, I see Mr.
Francis Saltus' name.
He seems to me particularly
eligible for the Presidency, as
a man whose leisure
& talent he devotes to such
an office. Believe me
yours very truly
W. H. Flower

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to act the matter immediately
 as he wishes to have possession of the
 18th int. I have agreed to the terms
 proposed which include the
 removal of the two chimney pieces
 in the par and verandah, the
 two back rooms and the replacing
 one chimney piece in one room. I
 furnish the other for Messrs
 Maple & Co. The water to be
 re-laid on verandah & the shingles
 made good. I have seen the
 estimate that the work is the
 certificate of Mr. Shortley but in he has
 engaged Mr. Totten I think it will be
 best that you should arrange to have
 it certified by someone else. The cost of
 this certificate may be extra & I have
 told Mr. Shortley that I will leave it alone
 if you think it necessary See Solo.

Dear Mr. Smith.

I have seen Mr. Gwely and
 have said that I will agree
 to the terms proposed letting the
 house for 7. 14 or 21 years terminable
 on either side. I will pay 100 £
 towards the expense of the repairs
 which are to be effected in the
 estimate furnished by Messrs. Totten &
 Sons. Minus 10 £ the half cost
 of a fresh water closet near Mr.
 Drueby the tenant wishes to put up

this contract is to be removed
on the expiration of the term
and the full value cost as at
present at the cost of W. Newby
if required. The tenant is to have
the option of purchasing the house
at any time during the first two
years for the sum of 4500 £.

The W.C. is to be properly trapped and
the fittings when all sanitary
arrangements are done equal to those
of the present water closets in
the house. The lease is to be
made out by my solicitor as the

cost of W. Newby being and
he has repudiated that it is to
be exceed 8 pence. The lease is
to be made out in W. Newby's
name and not that of his wife
as we originally proposed ^{by him} because
it is ascertained that she has
no sufficient means of her own.
and I shall ask you to have an
eye to the references ^{because} the
Gentleman appears to be driving
a sharp bargain and he is going
to India leaving his wife at home.
This point is important. Please