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My dearest Arthur

I am exceedingly sorry for the result - of which I had no previous apprehension - or intimation. They have done themselves much wrong, by wronging a most faithful & disinterested official. -

Very many thanks for your promised comments which I shall receive with great pleasure if I may suppose they have not cost you much trouble, or cost you too much valuable time. And I shall be delighted to receive in due time your very handsome present. Great must be your relief. & I can utterly sympathise with you. -

I am very much concerned to hear about poor H. S. - but I could not tell you (I do not use the word could in