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J. George Adami to W.O.

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My dear Sir William,

I have advised the D.M.S. regarding your letter - and possibly by now you have heard from him begging that you will suspend action.

For myself I cannot see eye to eye with him in this matter. Of course I see his point of view. He is a permanent official of the Govt., accustomed to follow the behests of the Minister and to experience the feeling in the back of his neck that the sword of Damocles is overhanging. And if the minister turns him out he is a ruined man with nothing to turn to.

But granted that - as he expects - nothing comes of this Committee - that in no wise lessens the insult of the same to all right-minded men. Personally I do not want to shake the Government or to do anything which would demonstrate disunion in our ranks at the present moment - but there are limits, and for the sake of our profession I cannot see that we also should take it weekly in the neck.

Yours ever,

J. George Adami.