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~~April~~ 14th 1874

Dear Mr Darwin,

I received your letter this morning. I should think that it wd answer the purpose to write to Lord Derby, for all that is important is that the Government should know that a bill is being sketched & that they ~~are likely to hear of it~~ must not commit themselves.

I had a note today from
Sir Robert Christison, who
after expressing himself
very energetically on the
subject of the present agitation
concludes "there should be
"no compromise, except to forbid
"vivisectional demonstrations
"to classes, which I always
"thought both useless and
"cruel"

I have not seen Sir Harley

The notion of an Inspector appears to me absurd. It would be in the first place absurd to appoint one man to inspect half a dozen others of at least equal status with himself. There is no comparison between Experimentation and anatomical dissection. Every student must dissect, but not one in a hundred need take

post-in any consideration.

Moreover an Inspector would be of no use in putting a stop to domestic Experimentation

Very truly Yours

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