

Lord Stanley to Lord John Russell

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My Lord

Absence from home for the last four days  
has prevented my immediate acknowledgment of the  
letter which you did me the honor of addressing to  
me on the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. Her Majesty having seen fit  
to sanction the proposed Exhibition of the works and  
produce of Art and Industry of all nations, I look  
upon it as a matter of duty to contribute to the best  
of my ability towards the success of the intended  
experiment; and if it shall be thought that my