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ConfidentialTreasury Chambers,
Whitehall. S.W.

J. Lubbock W.S.

My dear Stawell,

You will have
 understood my opinion,
 expressed in conversation
 with you last night, as
 the answer to your two
 confidential letters. I
 hope that spreading the



£500,000 expenditure over
2½ years, the first £200,000
having been spent in 1883-4,
and commencing the "personnel"
expenditure about April 1885,
the reduction may take place
without jar in Oct 1885.

It depends, I should
think, upon the discretion
of your people to what extent
the change will attract early

notice. But you doer, and
provokes a question in Parliament,
I should think that the
answer would be that,
in opening the Budget, I
propose to explain precisely
our intentions. We had
better wait, till notice of a
question is given, before
saying the exact words of the
answer.

I am very sensible of
your wish to cooperate with

me in making the Parcel
Post & Dispatch charges go
as smoothly as possible.

Your obedient
servant