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Wimbledon Park
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March 15 /86

To the Committee of Management
of the Royal of the

Gentlemen

In the unavoidable absence of Mr Lucas ~~from the R.A.~~ at the present moment, I have to bring to your notice on what I should otherwise have addressed the Royal in writing; having ~~already~~ mentioned the subject to him already in conversation.

I have to request ~~the~~ leave of absence from the Royal Academy from the ~~20th~~ 22nd 10th of April until about the ~~1st~~ 15th of June; as I have to

abroad to conduct ~~for~~
Mr. Westwood's at Dissard
Dorf, near Hamburg.
I believe that the ~~cause~~ reason
for my request ~~will~~ sufficiently
explain it, but has perhaps
better mention, that when
I originally ~~undertook~~ accepted
the appointment at the Ch. Ch.
so on the understanding that
it should not ~~not interfere~~ going abroad
prevent my fulfilling the
duties of this ~~character~~ kind.

I regret to have to be absent
for so long a period from my
Classes, and ~~that~~ with the
Lords' knowledge I applied
to Mr. Pearce to take charge
of ~~[illegible]~~ more advanced of my students.
He at first kindly ~~accepted~~