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[See bro fr. Grove
- Aug 11 1882]

1. Moncton Gardens
August 14th
[1882]

Dear Mr. Grove

I must beg of you to
convey to H.R.H. the Prince
of Wales my deep appre-
ciation of the confidence
he has been pleased to
place in me by making
me the offer contained
in your letter of the 11th inst.

H.R.H. has evinced
so serious an interest
in

the proposed scheme
for obtaining the best
possible education for
students of Music in this
County; that it becomes
the duty of all representa-
tives of that Art to do
their utmost to support
A.R.A. in this generous
work.

I should be only
too happy to be able
to give my knowledge
and experience for the
use of a younger generation;

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H. R. H. will, however,
I venture to hope, not
require me to pledge
myself definitely to an
undertaking, in which
both the Credit of the
Royal College of Music and
my own professional
honour will be so closely
bound up together, until
I have been placed in
possession of some detailed
information as to what
will be expected of me.
Therefore - for the present
I can only repeat how

hind-Golds.

Gladly I shall give my
services to the Royal College
of Music, if, upon nearer
knowledge of its future
character, I can see my
way to do so.

Again asking you to
express to H. R. H. my deep
sense of gratitude for the
honour he has done me
in offering me so important
a post.

I remain,
Dear Mr. Grove,
Yours very truly
Ferdinand, Graf Schmidt