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Dear Cleland,

In answer to your letter about taking on young Oost in my office I think during the last few weeks I have written a dozen letters to say that my office is so full, especially of younger men, that I feel I cannot take on any more at present. Moreover, we find it more valuable to promote the younger men who have gone through the mill in the office than to take men in the intermediate stage from the schools, who have not been trained in the qualities we want in draughtsmen. Poor Scott, who is mainly responsible, is crying out for one or two really first rate draughtsmen ^{who can quickly take responsibility} but for some time has been fed up with the number of young men who come to improve themselves and then leave as they are becoming useful. He says it is too much strain on the teachers and so clogs the direction of the working machine. I have to do all I can to protect Scott and the other good men on whom the working machine depends. When does Oost wish to come? It is possible conditions might be changed later.

Yours sincerely,

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