Foreign Office
May 3, 1890.

Dear Mr. M'callum,

I gather from the printed papers enclosed in your letter of the 6th Instant that the object of Professor Ramsay's expedition is exploration and not excavation.

If so we shall probably have no great difficulty in obtaining for him all necessary facilities.

Excavation is a different matter. All kinds of formalities...
formalities are required; permission is often refused, and always very difficult to obtain.

I enclose, for your confidential information, a despatch from Her Majesty’s Ambassador at Constantinople forwarding a copy of the Turkish law on the subject. You will observe that its provisions are very stringent.

Assuming that Professor Ramsay’s object is to explore the best plan will be for the Committee of the Asia Minor
In order to explore the exact objects of the expedition, Sir William White will then be instructed to assist Professor Ramsay and his companions to the best of his powers.

Yours very truly,

P. W. [Signature]