

**ACROSS**

- 1 Dances with foreign characters around area (8)  
 5 Approach leaders of India and Canada with diplomacy at first (6)  
 9 Writing books in the country (8)  
 10 Medal obtained by British and XI (6)  
 11 Phone message lacking originality finished up being longer (8)  
 12 Firm getting support for office equipment (6)  
 14 One in black suit (3,2,5)  
 18 Continuing mischief (8,2)  
 22 Heavy guns gutted vessel (6)  
 23 Help to limit Frenchman's pain (8)  
 24 Plenty backing one that was disgusting (6)  
 25 Italian wearing tie to go to court (8)  
 26 Providing drug being sufficient to contain illness at last (6)  
 27 Poor man supports country (not Austria) (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Some of material in dendrology? (6)  
 2 Change interior of auto in China (6)  
 3 Temporary extra work, perhaps (6)  
 4 Young person rising, holding hand out (10)  
 6 Broadcast in place of church service (3,5)  
 7 Noise produced by emperor outside boozier (8)  
 8 Most lucid characters in vehicle are steering (8)  
 13 Crazy proposal making headway (10)  
 15 In post, Cliff gets meat (5,3)  
 16 Helping to stop sailor making speeches (8)

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- 17 Gas produced by greyhound running? Not acceptable (8)  
 19 Twins in outwardly grandiose car (6)  
 20 Waste extremely scarce remuneration (6)  
 21 A hair-raising state (6)