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From Palmer Howard to W.O.

My dear Osler

On the enclosed slip are some statements that may answer your queries.

The act wh. regulated our affairs was that of George the III. Then came the act - 4th & 5th Victoria, providing for reciprocal rights in Upper & Lower Canada. This was succeeded by the act incorporating the Prof. in this Prov. in 1847 - in 10 & 11 years of Victoria -

I was writing this letter when yours of the 22nd arrived. We hope to be ready for the 1st but may not be and personally I am so desirous that you should be ~~with~~ us & give the address that I feel we ought to postpone the opening till Monday the 5th - That wd allow of you delivering y^r own opening lecture on the 1st & coming up to us for Saturday the 3rd or Monday the 5th. Dawson will not return until the 1st or 2nd of Sept. & nothing can (or) will be settled until after your Chatham meeting. We shall hope to have a meeting of the Faculty on Saturday Ev'ng the 5th by which time you, Ross, Stewart, Shepherd etc will have arrived. I am greatly pleased that you have consented to come down on the 5th & spend Sunday with me. If you came down with Ross Stewart & Shepherd you might talk over the affair with them so that at the meeting on Saturday they may have some ideas & views to present of a promising & useful nature -

How would it do to postpone the formal opening till the second or third week in Oct. & begin the ordinary work without an opening address on the 1st? I wd prefer the other way, but if it can't be accomplished why it cant. What Canadian physicians do you think might be asked to attend the ceremony & who wd be most eligible to make a short address. Would McD^l, or Mullin or Malloch of Hamilton be likely to come? or who in Toronto or London? Oh for a half hour's chat with you - In the meantime make your calculation that you will have to open the new building with an address from your ever active brain - We are busy Vaccinating & nothing more; except fuming at plasterers, carpenters etc - Jared desires his kind regards to be added to mine

Yours ever truly

R. P. HOWARD.

Several outbreaks of small pox in Montreal largely among the French, who had opposed vaccination - among whom our British opposition compulsory vaccination has spread. The daily mortality during September & October was about 20. During September and October there were 2641 deaths