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Charlottetown, P. E. Island

11<sup>th</sup> February, 1856.

Dear Sir,

I rec<sup>d</sup>. your note of the  
31<sup>st</sup>. January last week, and in  
reply inform you, that it is  
doubtful whether the *Gulbourn*  
will be under my command  
in the Spring, - since if I reach  
the rank of Admiral before  
the usual time of sailing, which  
is not improbable, the service  
under my direction will be  
transferred to other hands. -

But even if it should happen,  
that I have to proceed in her  
for a few weeks, it will only  
be

be to the coast of Nova Scotia;  
the surveys within the Gulf  
of St. Lawrence - the Magdalen  
Islands - and also the coast  
of Labrador - having been  
completed many years

ago. - I am very sorry to hear  
from you, that your son's  
health is not quite reestablished,  
but I trust and hope that the  
comparatively mild winter  
of Montreal may so benefit  
him, that you may have  
the satisfaction of receiving  
him in the Spring in better  
health than you expect. -

Mrs Bayfield unites  
with me in kind regards

and every good wish — and

I remain Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

Henry W. Bayfield

P.S. Pray accept my thanks  
for the very interesting com-  
-munication of your son —  
on the "Modern Submerged  
Forest". —

