

I have great pleasure in certifying that having been long and intimately acquainted with Samuel Dawson Esq of Peter I consider him eminently qualified both by the solidity of his acquirements and by a peculiar aptitude he possesses in communicating instructions for the professorate in Natural History which he is now about to aspire. In the year 1841 he made a scientific exploration of the Coal fields of Cape Breton. In 1850 he delivered a course of lectures in Dalhousie College on Botany Zoology Mineralogy & Geology - he was then employed for three years as the

Superintendent of Education in this Province having visited the Schools of New England and New York and reported on their condition for the guidance of our Legislature, and he has since prepared an elementary work on Rural Economy and Live stock which has been extensively circulated at the public expense. In these various engagements he has won for himself a high reputation for real talent, while all opposition has been disarmed by his conciliating manners and modesty of deportment. I speak therefore the sentiments of every member of the government,

while regretting his separation from
his own Province, is expressing a
hope that he may attain the object
of his present ambition, and that his
scientific attainments already
favorably known in the Mother
Country may recommend him to
the choice of the Elector for the
vacant Chair.

Halifax 30 Dec. 1757.

William Young
Attorney General
of Nova Scotia

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