

Windsor 16<sup>th</sup> April 1855

My Dear Sir,

You may send me twenty Copies of your forthcoming work on the Geology of Nova Scotia for subscribers; and if you think proper to forward me a few Copies more on sale it is likely should dispatch of them during the Summer. With your full knowledge of the subject I am very glad that you have undertaken to supply a desideratum in our literature long called for by Scientific Foreigners visiting our Province and very much needed by our own Community who are beginning to awake to the value of our Coal fields and Minerals and who ought to know that successful Speculations in them must be connected with some acquaintance with Geology. I hear the report that you have a fair chance of being called to the Professorial Chair of Natural History in the University of Edinburgh, with mingled Regret and pleasure. Regret, that we should lose your valuable services in this your Native Province, and the opportunity of seeing you occasionally; pleasure, because

Such an appointment would give free scope for  
the exercise of your talents, give you the most  
enlarged opportunities for the successful pursuit  
of the various departments of Natural History, bring  
you into continual intercourse with congenial  
scientific minds and indeed, enable you to  
reflect much greater honour on your Native  
Country than a continued residence in it  
could effect.

I am now, I humbly trust, slowly recovering from a  
long and severe illness - Last summer Mrs. Hastings  
and one of my daughters were the subjects of  
Fever, one in Malta & the other at Home - This  
year Mrs. of course great anxiety and fatigue  
and in the beginning of October I was also  
seized with Fever. In a few weeks I was  
convalescing, when severe Pleuritis in one  
of the complaints set in which have kept  
me until lately very miserable & weak.  
But I am now beginning to do a little and  
hope that as the fine weather sets in  
I may recover a measure of health and  
strength - God has most mercifully spared



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