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115 Landowne Road
Notting Hill
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My dear Sir

When I heard that Mr. Selwyn had been appointed Director of the Canadian Survey I wrote to my son in Australia and advised him to apply to Mr. Selwyn for employment. You may judge then how delighted I was to learn by your kind letter of 20 Jan which I received yesterday that Mr. Selwyn would probably

want an Assistant Field
Geologist next Spring.

My son has had little or
nothing to do since Mr.
Selwyn left and it would
afford me the greatest
happiness if Mr. Selwyn
could employ him. He is
a steady industrious youth
but as you may conceive
I cannot but feel anxious
to get him away from the
society of such people as
the Australian Gold Diggers.
He has frequently expressed
a strong desire to obtain

a situation in Canada
and I am sure when he
hears that there is a
prospect of doing so he
will eagerly offer himself
as a Candidate for the
vacancy under his former
Chief. Will you therefore
be so good as to say to
Mr. Selwyn that my son
will join him in Canada
without delay if he gives
him the slightest arrangement.

As the next mail for
Australia leaves on the
25th Inst and I cannot
possibly have an answer

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from you by mail before
that time I shall be very
much obliged if you will
send me a message by
Tel. Cable saying whether
I shall request him to
come or not. Of course
I will repay you the cost
of the message when you
come to England. I shall
look forward with pleasure
to the prospect of seeing
you here and hope you will
have time to call upon me
or let me know where I
can find you -

Mr. Reeks told me some

time ago that your son
was at Jermyn Street -
I called two or three times
with the expectation of
seeing him but learned
that he was engaged at
the lectures.

I am glad to hear you are
engaged in preparing a
Memoir on the Devonian
Plants which I hope to see
when published.

Please to write me as
soon as you can give any
further information about
the vacancy on the Survey
as I am very anxious to know

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what prospect there is
for my son.

With many many thanks
for your kind letter

I remain My dear Sir

Yours very sincerely

Rich^d Brown

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