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14<sup>th</sup> March 1871

My Dear W Dawson

On the receipt of your letter yesterday, I at once called on my friend Mr H. Scott one of the Directors of the Gulf Ports Steamboat Co and showed him both your and Mr Homey's letter and on his suggestion I saw Mr Withall the President of the Company with whom I am slightly acquainted. The Directors had already received an application in behalf of Mr Fraser, of whom they had heard very favorably, but both Mr Withall and Mr Scott were of opinion that he had a powerful opponent in Mr Beuret, the Beuret of Johns who has sought the agency for his house and as he is wealthy and likely to take stock and his moreover a member of Government and likely able to control a grant from the N<sup>o</sup> Legislature the chances are that the Directors may thus be enabled to see that he is by nature fitted and intended to be their agent. - Mr Withall however suggested that I should leave the letters with him so that he might submit them to the Board when they meet to dispose of the matter. I hope that your friend's friend may be successful for Beuret's people have already enough, but still I fear that the weaker ad is generally the case, may go to the wall.

And

And now permit me to ask you in the strictest confidence, if you have perceived any awakening in the conscience of the Body Corporate of the Natural History Society, or of any of the individuals of which that very debased Corporation is composed, I mean in re the Catamount.

I had a letter the other day from Pictou from our Friend Ross, wherein he stated that he proposed to be in Montreal about this time. If he is in Montreal I have no doubt you have seen him — I intend to write him tonight.

Poor Chauveau has lost another daughter this morning. She died several hours before the arrival of her father, who had been telegraphed for yesterday morning —

I have been trying for some time to get up to Montreal but something has always occurred to prevent it — I shall make an effort to run up if possible while Ross is there — You did not say anything in reply to my question about George —

With kind regards to Mrs Dawson, yourself and the children in which all here join

I remain very faithfully

Wm Jas Anderson

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Yours truly  
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