

Ottawa, June 12<sup>th</sup> 1872,

Dear Sir,

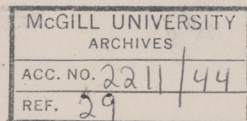
Some time ago, my health threaten-  
ing to give way under the onerous duties  
of my present position, I was strongly  
urged by my medical adviser, Dr. Grant,  
to resign my situation and try to obtain  
a situation in connection with the civil  
service. As there will probably be an open-  
ing soon in connection with the new  
Archive office, I intend making ap-  
plication for said office. Mr William  
<sup>of Farmington N.H.</sup> M. P. is kindly interesting himself in my  
behalf - but he advises me to secure a  
few good references to supplement his actions.  
Might I ask if you will kindly furnish  
me with a letter of recommendation, By  
doing so you will add another to the  
many favors already received.  
I was greatly benefitted by my visit

P. S. I might mention that the appointment, Medicine,  
will accept training with the Hon. Mr. Pope, Minister of Agricul-  
ture - Mr. William has seen him and Mr. Zupfeer, in refer-  
ence to this and the latter was pleased to say that I would be  
the very kind of person to take charge of the office.  
I was very much gratified to hear that Mr. Hamilton Allan  
one of my old pupils carried off the gold medal for  
the Medical Classes last session, Camichael who was  
second for the immediate examination is also an old  
Ottawa boy -



to the other side of the Atlantic last summer -  
Among other places, while in Edinburgh, I visited  
the Museum in connection with the Botanical  
Gardens where I saw the geological specimens  
presented by you - I had the pleasure  
of spending an evening with Dr. John Brown  
author of "Spare Hours" who has now fully  
recovered from his protracted illness,  
and has a large and lucrative practice  
I visited London and Paris shortly after  
the communists were suppressed -  
Mrs Thorburn wishes to be kindly remembered  
to Mrs Dawson.

Remain,  
very sincerely yours,  
J. Thorburn



Wm. L. Garrison

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