

Private  
71 Drummond Street  
Montreal 13<sup>th</sup> Jan'y /46

My Dear Dr Dawson

I am in receipt  
of Yours of Yesterday, & beg in reply to  
say that I could never wish myself to  
have any connection with the Franco  
Institute. The Judgement of the Court  
of Appeal in this country declared a  
Nullity the bill that produced it, by  
reason of a Law not yet repealed, & which  
I would certainly never wish to see  
abrogated

Both Opinion & feeling deter  
me from taking position on ground so  
questionable as that held by the Institute  
and I regret that the affairs of the  
Nat. History Society are so low as to  
cause its friends to contemplate such  
a course to rid it of its difficulties.

Sincerely Yours  
Geo Burnston

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July 16

*[Faint, mostly illegible cursive handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher.]*