

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GEOLOGISTS.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
201 South Fifth St., Philadelphia.

February 8th.1887.

Sir J.W.Dawson. McGill University. Montreal.

Dear Sir

Your three letters of January 28th.1887. arrived duly and would have been acknowledged at once but that I have been obliged to wait till the present time for the replies of several of the American Committee whom I addressed on the matter to which your communications related. These replies completely agree with my own remembrance of that matter which I give below. Of course it will be unnecessary for me to say that it will give me great pleasure to carry out the requests contained in your letters as literally as is possible.

At the meeting of the American Committee at the Murray Hill Hotel New York, May 22.1886. it was decided to levy an assessment of \$25.25 on the members of the American Committee. After the adjournment of this meeting I notified the gentlemen assessed, and in reply to this notification I received from you a letter dated June 3^d enclosing your cheque and resigning your membership in the terms of which I sent you a type-written copy. This is the only resignation and the last communication (except a postal card acknowledging the receipt of the pamphlets June 22.'86.) which I received from you until the arrival of your favors alluded to above. Prof. Hall showed me a letter from you dated Nov. 8th 1886. apparently in answer to

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one from him urging you to withhold your resignation, in which you reaffirmed it in other terms. Is it not likely that you confounded this letter to him with the letter which you wrote me previously?

However this may be I trust that you will agree with me that I had no option as to presenting the letter of June 3 (which was not marked private) six months after it was written in the absence of any notification from you to the contrary.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Persi for Fraser
Secretary

