

Baynes
Ottawa. 16th Aug. 77

My dear Dr. Dawson,

I have been detained
here a little longer than I antici-
pated & so received yours of the
13th this day. I understand that
when Mr. McLeod left on his first
absence this summer he put
William into the Observatory to
attend some course that he
was able to do and for which he
was permitted to sleep there.
I rather think the cooking was
an encroachment on the un-
derstanding, but I do not know

in the first part of the summer
Finch asked for an increase of
wages upon last summer but it
was ^{not} granted, he stated that his
board was increased at Hamilton,
but as I heard no more I con-
cluded that he was satisfied.
About a month after Mr. Drake-
ridge informed me that Finch
was living in the Observatory,
but as it was Mr. McLeod's own
arrangement, of course I had
nothing to say nor did I agree

hear of the matter until Mr
Payson wrote to me about a
quarrel between Finch & Mr
Hamilton arising from the fact
that Mr. McLeod had ordered
him to leave the Observatory—
The manner that Finch has
been engaged for two years and
allowed to live in the college is
now the foundation of this
claim set up by him to be given
house room and other accom-
modation; but it was not con-
templated for a moment that

Trinch was to be independent of
Hamilton either in his duties or
the living in the College. If Trinch
does not accept this place of
Submission under Hamilton it
is only that he is seeking for a po-
sition independent of Hamilton
and wishes to be put upon the
College staff and I should not
recommend this. Trinch is Mr.
Hamilton's help and to await
where Hamilton most needs his
assistance, I hear that last win-
ter Trinch for the most part left
work at 3 leaving Hamilton to
keep up the furnace & answer

We should engage Alex^r Herbert,
who has done well this summer
and has grown a very decent
and respectable young man; in
his case this question of board would
be obviated and he would go the
last night being at night home &
return in the morning - I simply
suggest this that should the
trouble increase we could fall back
on some one we know something
of. I shall mention in my letter
to Judge Day the meeting in Quebec
he is at the Lake-Georgeville Posthouse
with kind regards believe me
very truly yours W. C. Baynes Esq

the doors - he joined one of these
 volunteer rifle corps, and the
 result was that it took him out
 of the College night after night -
 I think his living in the Building
 is necessary but certainly if pos-
 sible as part of Hamiltons family.
 Trouble as is now come in makes
 this difficult, but I would sooner
 if I was you let Hamilton pro-
 vide another help on the original
 terms than keep Finch as an
 independent person in the College.
 I should though recommend
 if a change was to be made that

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
 ARCHIVES
 ACC. NO. 2211/55/55