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Redpath

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Marseilles, July 17, 1881

My dear J. Dawson,

I have today received your letter of 30 Dec. forwarded to me from London.

From what you say I fear much trouble in the Scott matter, and I think there is reason too to apprehend that a large part of the whole may be swallowed up in litigation.

I understood that the share of Jane the first sister who died was to go to the survivor of the other two. I remember
that

that in stating the case to Mr Bethune
I put it in that manner. I have
little doubt even now that it was so
intended. It is a great mistake
to trust to a Notary's draft of a Will.
When Mr King told me that Barbara
Scott wished to make a will I
urged him strongly to get a Lawyer
to revise it - As it turns out his
labour in taking both a Lawyer
and a Notary to Miss Scott's home
at ten o'clock one night has
been rendered nugatory by a
subsequent will in which appa-
rently no Lawyer was consulted.

Mr King at my suggestion urged Miss
Scott to make such arrangements

as she wished during her life time securing
for herself all the income of the property if
she pleased. ~~But~~ he pointed out that pos-
sibly her intentions might be thwarted
if she failed to do so. This seems not
unlikely to be the result.

I am glad that you told Hatcher to
secure the 1000 or 1500 loads of soil
or rubbish for the embankment. Without
such a gift we might have had to wait
long before it was made by gratuitous
rumprag.

I shall be in Edinburgh I think in
about six weeks from now. I hope I
shall receive your wishes respecting the
Dundee matter before that as I could
go on if necessary. I might get some
advice in the matter from my friend
Professor Pettigrew of St Andrews.

Among other letters received here today is
one from Mrs Harrington to my wife who
desires me to ask you to thank Mrs H.
for it, as she is unable to write much
when we are moving about. She now
walks a good deal but still feels the effects
of her accident last June, at times some
what painfully.

I am very sorry indeed to learn that
Judge Dunkin's condition is so precarious.
He is one whom McGill cannot well spare;
but we should be thankful we have
had his services so long, and we must
hope that his work is not yet done.

I see you intend that the Museum shall
not be found much too large even for a start.
Your appetite for Stones and bones and
Skeletons of all kinds seems insatiable.
My wife joins me in kindest love to yourself
and Mrs Dawson and to each separate member
of your family -

Yours very truly
Peter Redpath

Principal Dawson Directed

P.S. We expect to be back in London a month hence P.M.