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My dear Dr. Dawson,

The newspapers have been making a free use of your name lately - but seem, this morning, to speak so decidedly, that I hope I may not be premature in congratulating you on the additional stamp on the guinea - In my humble opinion no man in Canada has done more service to the cause of higher Education, and none nearly so much, but of this I am not at all competent to judge, for Science - It gave me the more pleasure to read that the powers that be had determined to show their appreciation of your services to our country,

ventured for the President - who, by the way, has
been assisting in the disinterment of a choice
selection of pre-historic men in this neighborhood.
Good - and requires congratulations from all
his friends - Who were the S. Michael & S. George
of the previous ages?

Yours most sincerely,

Geo: Washington

M^r: Piuscipal Dawson

because any honor conferred on you must gratify Mrs Dawson, from whom I have always received kind attention and hospitality -

The affairs in this Institution continue in a critical condition - After Easter, I called on Mr. Blake and he told me, that his advice would be, to hold on to my position, but to look out for other work quietly, as he believed the tendency of the majority in the Ontario Legislature was to apply our Endowment to other purposes - Since then, the Minister of Education has moved, but as yet is not in communication with the Senate of Toronto University, our governing body -

I called on Mrs Wilson a fortnight ago - and found her and Miss Wilson full of the new house near the University College, which has been

Manhattan
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