



5<sup>th</sup> January, 1882

Dear Dr Dawson,

The Papers arrived all safe,  
& I have had my Secretary make  
a copy of your communication to  
the Secretary of State. It is quite  
sufficient in form & matter. I  
have taken it upon myself to  
add a sentence of three lines to  
meet an objection that may be  
voiced in the Cabinet as to the  
practical utility to the country  
of the Society. If you prefer any  
other words write them in pencil,  
& I will have them worked in  
by erasing the sentence. If I receive  
the paper by Monday it

will be in sufficient time, I  
have thought it best that you  
sign it yourself, "with your own  
hand" in the Parliamentary  
phrase.

I see some of the French  
papers refer to the Mowbray meeting  
but not very correctly. I consider  
all that took place there  
confidential until after the return  
of A.C. That is your wish, I  
think; & certainly it is advisable  
& proper.

It will be expedient to have  
a short bill drafted &  
passed through Parliament,  
It will be better than applying

In letters patent, and less  
expensive as the House always  
refunds fees in such cases,  
But this is a matter for consideration  
after you come up to meet H.C.

I find nothing in the  
Estimates respecting the Transit  
of Venus, but shall make  
further inquiries in the proper  
Quarter.

Permit me to wish you & all  
the members of your family a  
happy New Year. I shall always  
remember with pleasure the agreeable  
hours I spent at your house

Yours sincerely,  
Jno. Geo. Bowditch

P.S. I left no glass at Montreal

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