

Ottawa, 4 Feb, 1882.

Dear Dr Dawson,

His Excellency is naturally afraid to evoke offence in some quarters by nominating an exclusive list of members. I am rather inclined to think that some objection has been taken in the Cabinet to giving a grant to an exclusive body. I do not know^{it}, however, as a fact; but you are aware provincial politicians are not sympathetic in literary & scientific pursuits.

On one point I quite agree with you - that the invitation for the opening should come from the highest authority in the country. In no other way, can the Simultaneous meeting be successful.

I shall see H.C. at dinner to-night, & perhaps will have an opportunity of speaking when for a moment on the subject.

If there is an interview on the 11th I shall of course be able to go with you to Govt House, as I am relatively disengaged

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Believe me,
Very sincerely yours,
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