

United States Customs,

COATICOOK, DOMINION OF CANADA,

February 20th 1883.

John William Deussen M. A. F. R. S.
Montreal - Quebec,

Sir: The Coaticook Literary Society have been laboring to maintain and extend our interest in literary and educational matters here by meetings and lectures. In this effort they have been aided by several Gentlemen from abroad though they are only able to defray expenses, the entrance and tickets being put at a nominal figure and any surplus to be devoted to establishing a Public library. As you may see from the enclosed programme. Each of our Protestant Clergymen are interested and assisting. We had assurances very short of an absolute promise

from Hon. C.C. Colby of Stanstead M.P. for this District that he would give the closing lecture (Apr 13. 1883. - It now appears that he will not be able to do so. It is of great importance to us (this being the first series of lectures given here) that the last be by a lecturer well known in the literary and scientific world. Thus bringing the series to a successful close. In this situation we are placed, and the Society are agreed that all will be well if it is possible for you to favor us with a lecture. We trust you will permit your sympathy for the Cause to influence you to come if possible. There would of course be no preparation required as any of your lectures that you might please to present would be very acceptable. The time required would be

According to trains. The mixed leaving
 Montreal at 7 o'clock A.M. reaches here at
 3-15 P.M. the night train leaving at 10 P.M.
 (Pullman) arrives at 4-30 A.M. permitting a
 visit to points of interest here during the
 day and return by night train (Pullman)
 at 10-30 P.M. after lecture or on the next day
 Saturday at 7 A.M. arriving in Montreal
 in early morning or at noon. The Society
 will defray all expenses of the trip and
 return. I have written details hoping
 you might be able to judge better of the
 attending circumstances. Hoping
 for your favorable consideration and
 action personally and on behalf of the
 Society

I remain Sir

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Jos. T. Woodward.
 Pres. C. L. S.

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS,

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Inspector.

No. of Enclosures.

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