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26. June 1886.

8, Park Crescent,
Portland Place, W.

Dear Sir William Dawson

I do not know that one in a subordinate position like mine is called upon to give any reason for resignation. In the case however of one who has been so consistently kind as you have been I am not only ready but anxious to give all my reasons and motives and to clear up any misunderstanding that may exist.

Neither when I cabled on Wed: 23 nor when I replied on Friday 25 did I

think it necessary to enter into reasons,
Seeing that the reasons had been clearly
indicated in the letter which asked
you to use your discretion in handing
in or with holding my resignation.
Your telegram of Thur: 24 I did not
get till Fri: 25 as it was sent into the
Langham Hotel instead of being kept
at the Langham post office. I ran
"have you accepted appointment?"
I replied no. later on thinking that
I ought to indicate more clearly
what my position was, I cabled to
say that I had accepted propo-
sals made to me, subject to agree-
ment to certain terms for which
I stipulated. This I will explain
later on.

And first I ought to say that I

would have resigned my Dr^e file
appointment in any case. Standing
as I was for various posts, I came to the
conclusion that on the whole my pros-
pects were better on this side than
in Canada, and that, as the idea
of returning to Canada and practi-
cally giving up the prospect of
advancement here was becoming
more and more distasteful, the
fairest course towards the College
was to resign at once and give
plenty of time to fill up my post. It
would have been pleasant for me to
post pone this irrevocable decision.
But as soon as there was a good
prospect of my decision taking
this form fairer to you forbade

any postponement. Of course I can not accept any pecuniary benefit from the delay. My resignation will operate in every pecuniary aspect as though it had been handed in on Ap: 30. And if the fee due for the 2nd year women ought to be diminished, let that be done.

These are times in which a man hesitates long before resigning a sure and certain income. When I left you in Spring I had every intention of returning in case of failure to secure a more desirable post-here. In a position such as mine one cannot guarantee no change of view, and as I indicated to you any attempt to obtain such a

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promise would have been met
by my resignation. As time went
on I became more and more un-
certain about returning in any case.
I wrote and plainly warned you &
went so far as to say that if you
thought my uncertainty was un-
fair towards the college you were to
hand in my resignation. The
moment I saw that in any case
I would be reluctant to hold my
appointment at Montreal, I cabled
in order to give you due and suf-
ficient notice. The time fixed

in the spring as the limit to which
I could post-pone my decision was
the first week in July.

To you personally I am ready to ex-
plain the allusion of my telegram to
a proposal that had been made me.

Early this week a proposal, made to
me ^{some time back} by a head master of one of the
Public schools, was put again in
a more promising form. It was to the
effect that I should undertake the
organisation & conduct of a prepa-
ratory school officially connected
with the ^{Said} Public School. Whether
I would take it or not I could
not say until I had accurately

has not all the conditions. This
I only did on Friday the 25th and
I then said that I would under-
take the post if certain terms pro-
posed by me were accepted. This
will most likely be done & I shall
know early next week.

This is a certain sense an ap-
pointment, but had I called it so
in my cable I should have grossly
misled you. If successful it
promises much more than Mr. Gile
if not. I shall lose a good deal of
money.

What I deeply regret is the trouble
to which you may be put in filling

up my post at a time when you have
much to think of and public duties
over and above your college duties
to fulfil. Should you desire to
make use of my services, in hunting
up a list of good candidates
I shall be glad to do all that I can.

I am

faithfully yours.

J. M. Hulgan
