

Little Metes

July 8, 1887

Dear Mr. White,

Before I left
town I heard renewed
rumours of changes in
the staff of the Geological
Survey. I did not at-
tach any credit to
them; but as I promised
my son in his absence
to represent his views
if necessary, I may say
that he is perfectly con-

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tent to remain in the present position under

the existing ^{heads} of the Survey, ^{of which he has deposited in your hands} ~~and~~

He has indeed, somewhat contrary to my advice, declined what appeared

to me better positions;

but that in event of any change tending

to the dominancy of Mr Bell he would have

to resign. In this case
I think it would only
be fair that he and
the other old officers
of the Survey ~~and~~ as
could not act under
the B. or share in the
responsibility of his action,
should be allowed
a retirement on their
pensions. As the change
referred to would involve
the Survey, separate it

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from nearly all its old
friends and supporters
and place it in the
hands of those who
have hitherto been its
opponents, it would seem
to be fair at least that
those who have given to
it its reputation should
be permitted to retire
without injury

Excuse me troubling
you in this matter; in short
do not mean to oppose any-
thing ^{that} may be a political necessity
but merely to ask consideration of
whom that may be affected.
Very yours
J. M. Deane