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Montreal.

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My Lord,

I was so un-
fortunate as to arrive
in Ottawa after your
Excellency's departure, but
mentioned to Capt Bogert
the requests I was charged
with on behalf of the
University and the National
History Society.

On my return
to Montreal I found
that my friend Mr
Hobson had been

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by the lay members
empowered to act.
in accordance with
your Excellency's Secretary
as to the details of
their arrangement.
I therefore thought it
best to ask him
to represent our wishes
in the matter which
he kindly ~~concerned~~^{permitted}
to do, and I
stated to him that
your Excellency had

Kindly commented to me
the numerous ^{of which a small part} ~~and~~
that my ~~affairs~~
a person that
might suit you ex-
cellency concerns
could be arranged
for by the University
as to the ^{concerning the} ~~the~~ National
History Society ^{to be held in a way} ~~of the year~~
that while it is my
desire to have the
honour of your ex-
cellency present we
shall be very glad if

~~May seem presumptuous~~
to me especially in
form of with the pen
and any change
of date can be
made that may
seem desirable. I feel
sure that we may be
able to act too in
a matter so my demand
as per early sketches