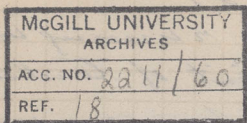


86 Boulevard de Port Royal.

Monday March 25, '78.



My dear Father,

The level I spoke of comes, I now find, to the modest little sum of £ 16. I am getting it from Troughton & Simms and have sent with my order £ 10 on account, which I drew the other day at Gil's. I enclose a cheque for \$ 50 which may possibly overdraw the amount still in the Bank to my account, but Hasline has an other \$ 100 of mine which stands in reserve. Please say to him that I would be much obliged if he could make it make it convenient to pay in this sum or at least part of it, as I shall be needing it soon. I would much prefer you to draw these cheques that I send as they arrive, as I do not like to have them standing over and accumulating.

It is a great convenience to me to be able to draw my money in this way, but I do not like to find that I am running into debt. You should make a point of teaching me to be honest, and let me pay my way as far as I can.

I am getting exactly what I want in the way of a level, and from a maker in whom I can have confidence so that I do not grudge the price. I will pay the balance when I call for it in London, and I am counting on what I may get from the Institution of Civil Engineers to reimburse me in part at least.

I find a new credit of £200 at Gil's, in my favour.

I am sending this week an application for the position of Assistant Engineer on the Quebec Harbour works. I have written to each of the Commissioners, and have taken advantage of the opportunity to circulate a number of the "memoranda" with which you have supplied me. (I have only three left, & will be glad to receive a new installment.) I ~~have~~ have written also to the President Engineer, whom I know, and have asked him to tell me what chance there is likely to be of an opening. I hope to hear directly from him.

I have not yet written to Messrs Holton & Workman about the Exhibition, although I mentioned their names in writing to Mr Mackenzie. I will hope to enclose letters for them next week. Your loving son
William.