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My dear Father,

I am trying
to look forward to field
work again, though with so
much office pt to work up
feel little inclined to do so.
However, soon getting my
field work here & I know
it will be good for me to
get outdoors again as
constant confinement a hard
work tries to tell. I sent
you last week a copy of the

Committee report on the
Genl. Survey, which you may
see is very severe, & in
many points very unfairly severe
on Selwyn. While the Committee
was letting her send that he would
institute an independent enquiry
into the survey by a board or otherwise
so as to vindicate himself
& the survey generally, but now
that the Parliament has risen
he appears to be consulted
by minister & as a result
~~seems~~ ^{appears} quite content to let the
whole matter drop. This I
consider very foolish of him, for
if the Govt. will not support him

you in clearing himself they
never will, & it almost looks
the same as though the fort. intended
to soprannuate or otherwise
detain him. I ~~have~~ told by
several people that this is the
case, but take such rumors
with a grain of salt. I have
only been told by several persons
that it is probable that I may
succeed him, but except such
also with very great reserve.

I would much rather as far
as I am concerned, that the
they went on as before, as
I have a far better chance for
pleasant & useful work as I
am, & the director of a menagay

like the Lawyer is for favorable
position. Selwyn, however, is too
soft - simple Creel looks & settling
in his way of doing things &
refuses to implicitly upon his
concerns attitude that he has
at the least chance with his
foes. The principal way in
which charges might affect me
would be in rendering my
position on the staff untenable.
I don't think Bent has the
least chance won if charges
should occur. Bell might
have, but in case greater
fear placed at the need of the
Lawyer I would as a matter of

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Course resign by connection with
it. Speaking of Hunt, I hope you
will not in regard to B. Assoc. &
Other matters treat him worse than
you can help. He is so thoroughly
distrustful that it is unsafe to
be intimate with him. He
felt obliged to give a statement
that he was in favour of the
Canadian members of the
Brit. Association, at one of the
Montreal meetings. Take to his
pen south & simultaneously
a little while appeared in
'Sands' (1846) part page) ridiculing

the Rocky Mt Secession. He
very well had nothing to do with
this, but if he should have written
to you about the same time
in another & opposite sense this
would go far to prove it. Till
he finally decides whether he is
a Canadian, an American
or a Frenchman we cannot
be in consideration. entre nous
I can tell you a little late
of four years since him
which old Michel told me a
while ago & which he repeated
for you his general knowledge
at the time of the American war
he changed greatly with the

Southerners above took period
& at the same time was acting
under an assumed name as
correspondent of the N.Y. Tribune, & driving
his friends away. He took the
deaths of one side & the skeletons
of the other.

Yours very truly
George W. Dawson

Dear Mr. Thompson
My dear Sir
I am sorry to say that I have not been able to get any information from the
Post Office as to the date of the arrival of the mail boat. I will however
try again to get some information from the Post Office. I hope you will receive
my letter by the time it reaches you. I will write again when I have
more information. I hope you will receive my letter by the time it reaches you.
Yours very truly
John Thompson