

Mr J. Col
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Dear George

Your last letter arrived unusually early — The Scandinavian Navy made the passage in nine days.

I congratulate you on having got through the Mineralogy examination. I hope the report will be satisfactory to you.

There is another little Commission for you. I am desirous to get information as to improved methods of winning peat, and will be obliged if you will enquire of any one at the Museum who knows, or look in any book which may be in the library as to the

methods now in use. I would
like to have the name of
any good book treating
of the subject which I could
order. Warrington Smyth in
his little book on Coal
mentions — Kinds method
as very successful in France
and Germany, and Neps
Wather and Platts mode
in England, with flat wire
rope. Neither of these
modes is I think known
here, and I would be
glad to have any specimens
& parties who could give
information of similar apparatus.
I am inquiring on behalf of
persons who wish to see for coal,
and desire to have the best informa-
tion. Perhaps Murray might know
about this, or some of the junior
men of the mine. Please inquire
if you have a chance.
I must leave the Mrs & give
all news. Ever your loving father
M. Dawson