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To Hon J. C. Aikens
Secretary of State.

Sir

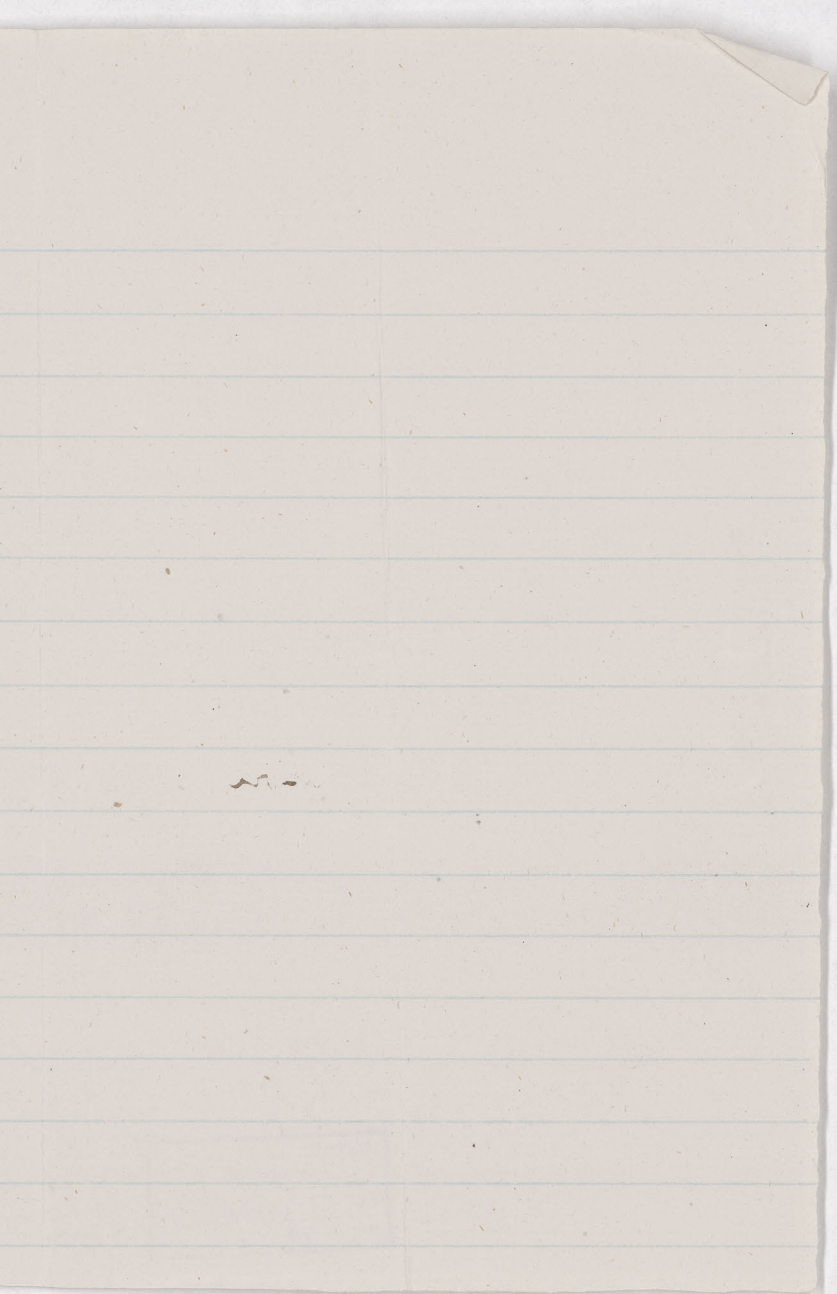
I beg to acknowledge the receipt
of the notification of my appointment
as Naturalist Geologist & Botanist
to the British North American
Boundary Commission.

I shall hold myself in readiness to
discharge the duties devolving on me in
that capacity, & shall endeavor to attend
to the instructions of the Government in
the matter.

May I enquire as to the time at which

it will be necessary for me to
join the expedition. Also whether
I can be authorized to purchase
such apparatus & instruments as
are necessary for the collection &
preservation of plants, & for geological
purposes.

I have the honor to be
your obed^t servant
George M. Dawson



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