

You must  
have in return  
several letters  
concerning  
your request  
I wish you  
would send  
me some  
more

Little Meets  
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Looked over by

Dear George,

This is probably  
the last letter I shall write  
from this place, as I  
shall likely return to  
Montreal in a few  
days, though some of  
the others may stay  
here a little later. R  
Harrington is now here  
and William is freed  
for the present at Montre=  
belle on the Ottawa on  
the N. Colonization Railway.

I have nothing more

To tell you as to the office  
of Palaeontologist. Selwyn, with  
attentions & respect for a man  
in his position, has without  
wanting to see who might  
be candidates, given some  
out of recommendations to Whiteaves,  
and expresses himself as tied  
by this. Of course this places  
any other candidate in the  
unpleasant position of appearing  
to be urged against Selwyn's  
wish, and might make  
the latter feel uncomfortable  
if any other were appointed.  
Still I have thought it my  
duty to do what I can  
and have warned the

Members of the Government that  
of this apparent Whiteman  
Office they may expect to  
hear something fit. I have  
asked a number of your  
friends for recommendations; but  
owing to various circumstances  
it is difficult to get them col-  
lected. I shall however when  
I go up to Montreal try to  
fit the matter put into better  
shape. I have, as you can  
easily understand, felt embarrassed  
with respect to the position taken by  
Deluzo, but also by your absence,  
and not having your advice  
anything to proceed. I feel however  
that the position would be the right  
one for you, and if you had it

I might be recalled to remaining  
in Canada, and leaving my  
collectors in this country. If  
the appointment is thrown away,  
as I quite expect it will  
be, I trust you will be  
recalled, with me, to look  
for some new settlement  
in the U States & elsewhere, where  
we may be less exposed to  
the miserable mismanagement  
which prevails here. So in  
any case I hope good may  
result.

This is a somewhat more  
precise letter; but it is written  
under some depression & in un-  
favourable circumstances.

We have felt uneasy that Cooke  
should have been recalled to Quebec,  
and as we have seen the  
victims; as we had quite

Hoped you would have  
 been in communication  
 with his party. We know  
 however too little of the  
 circumstances to judge;  
 but hope that before this  
 reaches you you may  
 have effected some junction  
 with the C. P. R. people,  
 and may be beginning  
 to think of a retreat  
 & evacuation. I also hope  
 and pray that all may  
 go well with you; and  
 dear Mamma I can see

feels very strongly your absence,  
and cannot bear the thought  
of you much longer remaining  
in the wandering life you  
have been leading.

A Mrs Patton of Montreal  
who is here has a son who  
went out some time ago over  
the Pacific Telegraph Co. They have  
not heard of him for a long  
time, and she desired me to  
mention his name to you  
in case he may have got  
across the mts. into B. C. His  
name is Arthur J. Patton, and I think  
he was a year in our engineering  
school.

With all love from every  
one here, and from many friends who  
ask for you your loving father  
J. Davidson