

11. Harley St London.
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My dear Sir

I am glad to hear of the book on Nova Scotia of which you speak & shall be happy to say all I can to Mr Murray when the time comes to be the will of course submit the MS. to several friends before he embarks on it. Mr Murray has often assured me that had I come out with my 2^d Travels first, which contained less Geology, more on things & people in general, he should have sold twice as many of the 2^d.

The first Travels it seems were considered too scientific for the mass of the reading public, & had I not previously earned a name by the sale of my Geology, the book might never have paid its expenses. (I mean Travels No 1.) I intend to leave Augst 21st by the Steamer America for Boston, & Sir Edmund Head, Gov^r of N. Brunswick who sails in the same vessel with us accompanied by Lady Head, has persuaded me to make a run by land from Halifax in order to see St. John's. I write by this post to ask you whether you could meet me at Halifax on the 29th or 30th. I should like very much to exchange ideas & to geologize with you for a few days from Halifax to St. John's. I will write again next Steamer about this, & I have talked of it to Sir Edmund, with whom I should like much to make you acquainted. I cannot wait to geologize N. Brunswick, but only take a passing view on my way.

We were very much grieved to hear of Prof. Chipman's loss, & I am thankful that having travelled so much as you must have done in some rough parts as school inspector you have never had an accident. I expect you may get before us in educational matters for sectarian prejudices retard all progress here. But we shall see if a new Parliament has more enlightened views

Believe me my dear Sir

Ever most truly yr

Chas Syll

Lady Syll will accompany me, & we shall return to England before I leave

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