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My dear Father,

I have written to Kinipple & Morris who are the Engineers who have made the designs for the Quebec Harbour improvements including also the Graving Dock. Mr. Pilkington is their Resident Engineer sent out by them to superintend the execution of the work. Any further appointments are made nominally by the Harbour Commissioners, but only on the necessity for an increase in the staff being pointed out by Mr. Pilkington, and after the consentment of Kinipple & Morris. They reserved this right of confirming appointments, as they fore-saw that the Quebec Commissioners would be besieged with applications.

I have written to ask what chances there are of an opening, ~~and~~ stating that I have already sent in an application to the Commissioners. I enclose copies of my testimonials & mention that I will call upon them when I arrive in London, but request an answer in the mean time. If there is any chance in this direction, I will probably go up to Quebec before going to Antis. Otherwise, it would be more convenient to land at Simonski.

I also think it might be worth while to apply to the American Gov<sup>t</sup> in regard to a report on the Exhibition. I will call at the Embassy & see what they say. I will also mention the subject in writing to the Institution of Civil Engineers in London. Dr Playfair answered my letter to the effect that there was no money for the purpose of a report as it had all been already allotted. He is chairman of the finance committee. I will again see Sir John Rose, & Mr<sup>r</sup> Brown when I have time.

Yours affectionately  
William.