

Geological Survey

George to
Officer Amos

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My dear Anna,

As you take an
interest in the Geol. Survey
perhaps you may like to
know that Hunt is still
up here & intends staying
till Monday. He is buying
about - looking up all his
old & very dear friends who
appear to be numerous everywhere.
I think his idea is that if
he can only get Selwyn
squeezed out the universal

call would be for "that
 really eminent man Dr H."
 to take the Control of the
 Survey. If he did I know
 I for one would not stay on
 it for a month on any terms.
 However it is more than
 probable that all his papers
 will be lost & the statements
 which he made about Selwyn
 at the Committee of reports are
 to be believed are such as
 should ostracise him among
 scientific men. He had in
 doubt-ample powers of Criticism

but in passing these & Endeavour & stuff
 the not-technically-informed members of the Committee
 he appears to have pursued a course which if
 properly represented to the Councils of the Royal & Geol.
 Societies which have given medals & (Fellowship
 (probably as good as good funds as His numerous
 Inquiries) would lead (his name being struck off
 their lists. Entre vous, I think the result of
 the Inquiry so far as Bell is concerned
 will be that should the Committee make its

Report he will be requested to hand in his
 resignation, & the net result of the whole will be
 to clear the air to some extent. Selwyn will doubtless
 be supported by the Government who would never have
 granted a committee if they had known what sort of
 enquiry they were going into. As for myself if
 the catastrophe happened & for a peering I might have
 to take it to keep Hor B out - either of them would
 run the show in the ground within a few years. I don't
 think there is any likelihood of this process & moreover
 don't want to have anything to do with it. I would
 much rather plod along as I am than be turned into
 a machine with no time for anything but writing official letters
 & making proof. Yours George