

Mr. Wash & Long P.

Ottawa 27 Aug 1896

Dear Dr Dawson

I return to you what you were good enough to send me for perusal

(A) certain extracts from the newspapers touching "Gamb's" Commission on the Albatross

(B) Macoun's letter 3 July.

I enclose at the same time for your perusal

- 1 a letter from Macoun to Milne 8 July
2. one to myself 17th July

I was quite prepared for the statement that the U.S. Contention have been greatly exaggerated ^{to fact} and am not at all surprised that Prof. Thompson should have been able to see things from a Canadian standpoint. Macoun seems to be much hopeful of the U.S.

of the U.S. scientists and appears
to think that a good report would
be expedient. Of this I am not
so sanguine, and as you know
the late government recorded ab-
surd instances, a protest against
the combination of courts
which turned the career of
our arrangements for
independent inquiry, and
disclaimed any intention of our
being accused by a body of
so much greater numerical
strength and scientific
weight.

I have now before the Committee
a long review of the question
and to follow the same but
and to record again against
the assumption of Congress
action on any agreement
the view that any change is

in regulations is necessary
before the 3 years mentioned
in the accord is up. I am as
yet unable to say how the
Minister will view the matter,
but as it is there is on record
our protest against the
Abolition arrangement.

I may say for your private
& confidential information that
England has already agreed to
bear half the cost of the
Abolition Cruise. On this I
have recommended the Canada
should at once record its objection
& contribute anything of a kind.
I don't know what the result will be.
Surely the Yankees know how to work
Solby-Bull.

The question of the joint report which
Macom already seems to favour is
in my opinion one demanding the
most careful consideration

and one which will rest largely
with the Br. Socy & with the Agents
of Thompson. I confess that
I cannot see what particular
benefit we could derive from a
joint report which would necessarily
be considerably toned down
to secure signatures of different
parties. If Macconi has correctly
diagnosed the Dr. Jordan and the
latter is sincere, it would appear
to me that an essentially
American report & Canadian
largely with & Canadian
& British reports would
possess great value from
our standpoint that a
like warm joint one possibly
could. Of course (which is unfor-
tunately the present party led
by Dr. Jordan to discredit as
previous American reports, the idea
would be all right, but I believe

to the belief that our representatives
would have to surrender too
much to get into any joint effort
that the American could be
induced to sign.

The question is an unforfeitable
one and one which I don't
know is in any way raised, ~~is~~
so that it could be referred to
the consideration of the Gov. Of
Congress Macom's letter is an
important one and I cannot say
that he is authorized by the
Americans to make the pro-
posal.

What do you think
yourself? My letter is of course informal
and any remark you may make
will be considered private & confidential
unless you desire otherwise.

Yours very truly
W. A. Manning

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Aug. 27. 96

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