

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

OTTAWA.

Parents.

25. XI. 97.

My dear Dr. Dawson.

I meant to come

last night to Ottawa, very largely

in the hope of seeing you: but their

Excellencies were kind enough to wish me

my stay, till to-day, and I am glad to

'Lucania' sails on Saturday evening

that I must give up Ottawa altogether.

I regret very much not to have seen you.

and if you have any news or views
on the present aspect of the case I
should be grateful for a letter.

We have undoubtedly made large
admissions, but Macdonald & I both believe
that we have admitted nothing which a long
struggle and the calling up of all the
evidence would not have forced
us to admit, while at the same time
we have extracted from the Americans
admissions that are, in my opinion,

really more important than our own.

I fancy my share of the work is more
fitting with me, - I am not sorry: for
I am far from confident of the future, &
the diplomatic aspect of the case is very
tangled.

Yours very faithfully,

Darcy W. Thompson

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