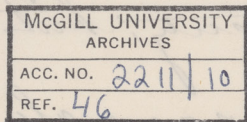


Letter  
Mrs W W D Montreal June 20<sup>th</sup> /57  
20 June 1857



My dear Mr Dawson

Since I last wrote  
I have received William's letter  
the 12<sup>th</sup> & today a telegraphic des-  
patch which annoyed me  
not a little, for had I for a  
moment considered that he  
would <sup>have</sup> attached so much im-  
portance to what I told him  
of the annoyance we have had  
about servants, I would not  
have told him at all. It

undoubtedly gave me much  
anxiety, but I was for some  
reasons glad that William  
was absent, for had he come  
in angry contact with such  
a vindictive & bad man as  
Ornat is, he might have brought  
his life-long revenge upon him.  
It was fear of this that prevented  
me from having him arrested.  
Since I dismissed the Cook we  
have had no more trouble  
so I trust his threats against the  
housemaid who I have every  
reason to believe is a very



Recent girl I have only been  
words.

I do trust you have resolved  
rather to suffer loss & return  
home with William. It would  
relieve him of so much anxiety  
on your account: in your pre-  
sent weak state the turmoil  
of business seems all but sure  
to do you harm & the more  
I think on the subject, the  
more earnestly do I wish you  
may see it your duty to free  
yourself from its cares. I feel  
much at the thought of Agnes  
being left without you at this  
important juncture of her affairs

but I know she is too unselfish  
to desire you to hazard your  
own health for his sake. I under-  
stand the protection of some of his friends  
in Pictou. I have little doubt  
she will arrange her matters  
nicely & make a respectable depar-  
ture. . . . I write almost hoping  
that this may be too late to reach  
you. So am not much encour-  
aged to be lengthy. however  
should William still be with  
please say, I saw Mr. Baynes last  
evening when he told me that  
in College matters there is not one  
thing of any consequence. Monday  
the paper to Paris will be attended  
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