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My dear Sir

When I heard that Mr. Selwyn had been appointed Director of the Canadian Survey I wrote to my son in Australia and advised him to apply to Mr. Selwyn for employment - You may judge then how delighted I was to learn by your kind letter of the 20 Jan^y which I received yesterday

That Mr. Selwyn would
probably want an assistant
field geologist next spring.
My son has had little or
nothing to do since Mr.
Selwyn left and it would
afford me the greatest
happiness if Mr. Selwyn
could employ him - He is
a steady industrious youth
but as you may conceive
I ~~could~~^{can} not but feel anxious
to get him away from the
society of such people as
Australian Gold Diggers -
He has frequently expressed
a strong desire to obtain

a situation in Canada
and I am sure when he
hears that there is a
prospect of doing so he
will eagerly offer himself
as a Candidate for the
vacancy under his
former Chief - Will you
therefore be so good as to
say to Mr. Selwyn that
my son will join him
without delay in Canada
if he gives him the
slightest encouragement -
As the next mail for
Australia ~~does not~~
leaves ~~until~~ ^{on} the 25th inst
and I cannot possibly

have an answer from
you by mail before that
time I shall be very
much obliged if you will
send me a message by
Tel. Cable saying whether
I shall request him to
come at once or not -
of course I will repay
you the cost of the message
when you come to England -
I shall look forward with
pleasure to the prospect
of seeing you here and hope
you will have time to
call upon me or let me
know where I can find you.

Mr. Reeks told me some

time ago that you son
was at Jermyn Street -
I called two or three times
with the expectation of
seeing him but learned
that he was engaged at
the lectures -

I am glad to hear you
are engaged in preparing
a memoir on the Devonian
Plants which I hope to
see when published -

Please to write me as
soon as you can give any
further information about
the vacancy on the Surrey
as I am very anxious to
know what prospect there

Robt Brown
Esq

is for my son -

With many many thanks
for your kind letter

I remain my dear Sir

Yours very sincerely

Rich^d Brown

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