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Ottawa, May 20^d 1871

My dear Sir,

It affords me the greatest pleasure to be able to assist as much as lies in my power the laudable object you have in view in prosecuting researches connected with the Natural history of Canada. For this purpose I have instructed the Commanders of such of our vessels as may be stationed on the grounds which you desire, more especially to explore, to give the person detailed by you a free

passage on board their vessels;
and at the same time afford
him all the accomodation
and assistance they can, as
far as the exigencies of their
service will permit. For
your information I beg to
enclose copies of these letters.
Although the vessels under
Command of Capt. Scott do not
cruise precisely on the grounds
on which you desire to institute
your explorations, still as it
might possibly be of avail to
you, I have thought it better
to extend these instructions to
him also. With best wishes for
your Success.

Believe me,

Dear Sir

Yours very truly

P. Mitchell

Dr Lanson begs
in due ministry