

Ottawa, 14th Dec 1855.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister of the Interior to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant and to inform you that the survey of the boundary between Alaska and the Dominion will not, probably, amount to more for some time than fixing the points on the principal rivers up which there is traffic into the interior.

Such being the case ~~it~~ doubts whether the services of a Geologist would be of much utility.

The Minister regrets that his absence from Town prevented an earlier reply.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. Dickson,

Secy.

J. W. Dawson, Esq.

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Dec 1785