

Cameron



14 March 1846.

Principal Dawson
do do

Dear Sir

I have to thank
you for your note
(marked private) of the
26th in which you
sent me a list shewing
to some extent the
distribution of the
"Report on Geology &c.
of 49^o N. Lat."
Kindly let me know if

you with the "private" to cover the distribution list as well as your note.

I am obliged to ask you for such details of the distribution under

(3) *to* Institutions, Public Offices *re* as per $\{$ 110
Direction List $\}$

4 (4) " *do* Mr. G. M. Dawson 50 for most of which, you mention, you have receipts.

of From my previous letter you will have

gathered that the distribution
 list you have sent to me
 will be perhaps more
 astonishing to the Govt here
 than it has been to me.

Excepting the few
 copies I transmitted
 to the Colonial and
 Foreign Offices from
 Canada — none have
 been left to represent
 the British share of
 the expenditure: — the
 Canadian Govt; including
 Geological Survey of

Canada have appropriated
 768 out of 1000 published!!

The number '26' set
 down against "The Geological
 Survey of Canada" invites
 attention. If it is
 to be considered that
 in this matter 'G.S. of Canada'
 and 'The Canadian Government'
 are synonymous — it
 will be more convenient
 to use the latter term.

If they are not
 synonymous — the liberality
 of the Boundary Commission
 in this case needs



Explanation. I understand why the Survey Department needed 26 Copies - but I do not see why the Commission paid for these. Kindly drop me a word of explanation on this point.

I had an idea perhaps not very well founded that presentation copies were sent to the

Press — with the ^{view} ~~idea~~
that such gifts should
facilitate sale and
the recovery of some
of the large outlays.

But only 50 are
left for sale!

The Department of the
Interior (Ottawa) told
me they required 150
copies — I see you
note (7) 592 sent by

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order'. I presume I
am right in supposing
the order was sent
direct to the ^{Printers} ~~publishers~~—
to whom I shall write

I quite concur with your
remarks about the cost—

The printers charge was
over \$1600— and this
did not include the
price of engraving &c
nor Mr. Dawson's salary.

The estimate included

all charges - salary
engraving &c.

Please tell me at
what price the remaining
copies are offered for
sale?

I hardly know how
to apologise for thus
troubling you - and
must add that with
a view of obtaining
information without
encroaching upon
your time and patience
I have asked the

Secretary




Secretary to apply to
the Printers for copies
of 1st the distribution
order for 110

2^d d^o 26

3^d d^o 592

Only in case you
happen to know that
the printers cannot
supply information
would I ask you



to give it me yourself.

I hope to hear that
your son has had
an ~~the~~ interesting
experience in
British Columbia.

I hear it said that
the Alaska boundary
is not to be marked
for the present — but

This I can hardly credit.

If the marking of a point of the Stakes is to be carried out — care will have to be exercised, to avoid prejudicing Canadian interests in respect of the rest of the line.

A point in a line cannot be determined without placing a limit to some extent

to

As the position of all
other points.

In making the line
to run through an arbitrarily
accepted point —
the party making the
proposal will lose the
advantage of such arguments
as may be deducible
from the Treaty terms.

Yours very sincerely
D. R. Cameron.

