

Paul Smith
July 16

Ottawa July 4 - 1876.

My dear Sir

I have made inquiry
respecting the subject of your
note of yesterday's date and
find recorded as follows -

W. W. A. Dawson with
from Paris 14 Sep. 1875.
tendering his Resignation
which was accepted and
Gazetted on the 5th Nov^r
1875.

It also appears that

He was appointed to the
Regt. provisionally on
the 19. Sept 1873 - con-
- firmed after passing a
board 9. April 1874 -
Resigned 14. Sept 1875

At page 18. and para.
- graph 57. Militia Regts
It is stated that officers
must serve 5 years - 3
of which consecutively as
an officer - the two last
in the grade held at the

time of Retirement from
the Active Militia, in
order to entitle them to
retain their Rank on
Retiring -

I am sorry to say your
son has not fulfilled
these conditions - his
service in the High School
Cadet Corps - could not
under existing regulations
be taken towards service in
the Active Militia - and

to with every wish and
desire to meet your re-
-quest I am afraid it
cannot be done - without
departing from an in-act-
-ment which would form
a very important and
inconvenient precedent.

I think but do not say so
certainly, that should you
ever wish to re-enter the Militia
his past service might be
admitted as qualifying toward
promotion or retaining Rank
or completing the stipulated period

Yours sincerely
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