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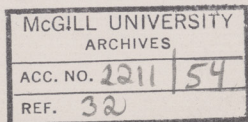
Quebec

June 20th

My dear Professor Dawson,

I sent you a message
yesterday by my aid de camp
Mr. Stephenson, but perhaps it may
be as well to avoid all mis-
-apprehension as to its purport by
myself writing to you these few
lines.

It is not quite in accordance
with Constitutional principles for
the Governor General to receive
addresses deputation except
in reference to purely personal
or formal subjects. Directly





touch upon
they refer to matters affecting
the ^{practical} interest of any portion of the
Queen's subjects the proper way
for them ^{wishes} to be brought to his notice
is by a petition to the Governor
General in Council, as any
other mode of procedure would
imply that he is empowered to
intervene ^{proprio motu} otherwise than under
the advice of his responsible Ministers.

It was only the other day ^{that} ~~the~~
forgoing reasons I declined to
receive a deputation from
Monsieur respecting the removal
of the ~~geological~~ ^{zoological} Museum.
In fact if you consider the

Matter Carefully You will see that
numberless inconveniences might
arise, were once the representatives
of the Crown in this Country to
adopt such a course as that
suggested in your Communication.

I hope you will excuse this
rather hasty exposition of my
reasons for denying myself the
receiving you and your friends.

Believe me very dear

Professor Dawson

Yours sincerely

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