



Dear Sir

S. S. Brittain  
at New York April  
1878

My dear Sir, I received your  
letter of 20<sup>th</sup> March a little  
time before I left London. I  
was then very busy preparing  
to leave for Canada & I deferred  
writing you until now.

I had no letter from you & as  
I think it not unlikely  
that he may have been employed  
in connection with the Exhibition.  
I saw Mr Selwyn about a  
week before I left London

and I learned from  
him that they were  
short of assistants.

I am now on my way  
to Ottawa when I will  
remain - only for a few  
weeks. I have no idea  
as yet what the Government  
will do this year in the  
way of Expensing but I  
rather fear that spending  
will be much curtailed.



It is scarcely necessary  
for me to assure you  
that if I ever have it  
in my power to promote  
your views in any way  
I shall do it heartily  
& with great pleasure

with my kindest regards

Believe me

very yours

Sandford Fleming

Miss Dawson

Montreal

my dear Sir

I do not know what you

wish think of me for apparently neglecting to reply  
to the letter you sent to me some time ago. I have  
opened my writing desk to write a few letters before  
receiving Mr. John's in my way back to England & I

spaid in the blotting paper a note written you in the  
20<sup>th</sup> April when I was on my way out - to New  
York last month & which I heartily thought you  
had long since received. I hope you will accept  
the explanation and forgive my apparent neglect in  
your name

Saml<sup>l</sup> Phelps

S. S. Andrews

Halifax N. S. 29<sup>th</sup> May