

Ottawa,
22nd Sept^r, 1882.

Dear Dr Dawson,

Perhaps it would be best to have the meeting in Montreal about the middle of the month, as it will be most convenient for yourself & Chauveau & the Quebec members of the Council. I expect Dr Schwyn will be here before that time. It is not likely Professor Lawson can come up.

I have received a note from Mr Goldwin Smith declining any official connection with the R.S. It is what might be expected of him.

Of course it will be mainly
through the influence of His
Excellency, that the Royal Society
will receive a grant. It will
have to appear in the Estimates
& be regularly voted by
Parliament.

I am of opinion that under
any circumstances a small
fee should be asked of
each member to meet current
expenses. Several members
have written suggesting
it. It is unfair that you
should have to pay the cost
of pamphlets out of your

own pocket for the time
being. Any large grant should
go to publication of Transactions,
Postage, Stationery, advertising &c.
they should be defrayed out of a
separate fund, contributed by
members. Two or three dollars ^{per member} would suffice

I am sorry I could not
participate in the reception
to the Am. Assn. ^{at} Boston
but I had returned ^{from} that week
with my daughter who was
rather quite ill & so I
remained with her on the
Mountain where she has
recovered though still very delicate.
Yours sincerely
Prof. Bowditch

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