

March 21st 1883

My dear Sir

In reply to your
note requesting some
information regarding my
late father, I with pleasure
give you the following -

He was of English parentage
but was born & educated
in Edinburgh - He was
intended apparently at one

time that he should enter
the Army, and he studied
for that purpose, but he
eventually joined the service
of the old North West Co. - leaving
Scotland in 1820 for this
country - very shortly after
a coalition was brought about
between the old North West Co.
& the Hudson Bay Co. - He served
in the New company for about
41 years, having been stationed
during that time at various

points extending from the
Gulf of St Lawrence to British
Columbia - He crossed the
Rocky Mountains into British
Columbia about 58 years ago.
The return journey being made
in winter on snow-shoes -

Whilst there he was sent
with a party to establish Fort
Langley on the Fraser River,
this being the first post built
on that River - In 1824
whilst at York Factory a party

of men arrived in the Company's
ship to attend Capt Franklin
on his purposed expedition to
the North - When in charge
of Norway House, ^{about 30 years after.} he assisted
in fitting out two expeditions
in search of Franklin - the first
under W^m Rae - the last under
J. Anderson & J. B. Stewart -

His first collection of
insects was made at Martin
Falls about the year 1840
and presented to the

the British Museum -

He was married at
Fort Vancouver on the
Columbia River in 1830. to
a daughter of Mr W. Mathews
one of the pioneers with Jacob
Astor - The last years
of his service in the Hudson
Bay Co. were passed at
Michipicoten, Lake Superior,
from which place he retired
in 1862, taking up his

residence in this City where
he remained until his death
on 14th instant —

I willingly place the above
information at your disposal
which has been gathered from
a last perusal of old letters
and believe me

Yours very truly
Wm. B. Bauston

Principal Dawson C.M.G., F.R.S.