

Private

EARNSCLIFFE,
OTTAWA.

4th June 1885.

My dear Sir William,

I have yours of the 3rd inst on the subject of the tidal observations. I regret very much that my engagements here so overwhelming as to prevent my seeing Doctor Johnson when he was here.

I don't think that we can have any appropriation this session in aid of the scheme, but in January next when Parliament will

will re-assemble. financial
matters may look brighter.

Our Minister of Marine
is paying attention to the
Subject. I hope to see you
sometimes ere long and
discuss the matter with
you personally. Meanwhile
you can assure Doct^r
Johnson of our desire to
aid in the matter so soon
as we properly can.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

John W. Washburn

S^r William Dawson,
McGill College
Montreal.

Mr Small
Inns