



Egerton Park Rock Ferry
14 Sept. 1886

Dear Sir William Dawson,

I can scarcely tell you how
prierously we have been disappointed that
we have not had the pleasure of offering you
and Lady Dawson hospitality during your
visit to England. I spoke to W. Crow when you
were coming about it, and told him we should
be glad if you could all dine with us, but
he failed to arrange it ~~with~~ for me, and
consoled me with the idea that we should
have plenty of opportunity afterwards. On the
very day the Vancouver was to sail, I was
talking with him at the Railway Station about
the Birmingham meeting, and the part you
had taken in them, but it did not transpire,
and I little dreamt that you were sailing that
day. Hope however ascertained that you were
and he made up a basket of comforts and brought
them to the office, and as he had to go out of town,

gave directions for it to be sent down to the
Landing Stage at 4 o'clock, and I intended to
go down and see you off. Subsequently I was
told the Vancouver could not sail that day, and
next morning we called at the Dominion office
and found she had actually sailed.

After all your considerate kindness and
attention to my son when in Montreal I feel
ashamed of this apparent lack of courtesy
and gratitude, but I assure you it is only
apparent not real.

It would perhaps be too much to expect
your relatives would spare you to stay with
us when you next visit England, but I assure
you Mr. Atkin and myself would esteem it
a great honour and privilege if you and Lady
Dawson, and your family would stay at our
home when you do come.

Sincerely hope you are having a pleasant
voyage and that you Lady and Miss Dawson
will feel all the better for your visit to

England. Please give our kindest
regards to them.

Remain, Dear Sir William

Yours most sincerely

G. A. M.

Sir William Dawson.

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