

Halifax, June 17/87.

Dear Sir William,

I duly received your esteemed letter of 7th June, and am glad you thought of McKay for the vacancy in Sec. IV.

I have no doubt he will prove a useful member, & furnish material worth publishing.

I enclose herewith a recommendation, & shall feel obliged if you will sign it & forward to the proper quarters. If not in proper form, please alter or correct in any way.

I hope the vote for printing is in
the supplementary estimates.
Sir Charles was in a great
hurry, ^{when we saw him,} & would not say
more than that he had
already brought the matter before
his colleagues, & would
do so again.

I was very sorry I missed
seeing Dr Penhallow at Ottawa,
(in consequence of his short stay),
as I wished to make his
acquaintance, & ascertain
whether I could in any way

from the his Botanic Garden
scheme.

With kind regards, I remain,

Dear Sir William,

yours faithfully

Joseph Hooker

J. Sauer
June 27

Bottoms for...

both kind reports, & remain,

been Mr. William,
from Philadelphia
of the...

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