

Galltfaun Holyhead

July 15/96

Dear George,

Before you receive
this you will probably have
seen Rankine and his wife,
who will have given you news
of us. He goes out I believe
in the interest of a managed
Syndicate or company here,
which is desirous of investing
in mining properties in
Porto Columbia, and may
do something for the de-
velopment of the country.
I hope the change of
foot will not cause any

farther delay in your work
for the season; though I fear
this will to some extent
be inevitable.

Our stay here is nearing
its close, as we go up to
Nuck Ferry day after to-morrow.
I have been here on a formation
of crumpled Hydriomene schists
and quartzite, very much
like our Richmond and
Melbourne rocks, but without
any calcareous bands as far
as I can observe. The only
fossils seem to be trails of
fucoids & worm holes like
Leolithus. So far as I can
learn from Serkie's papers and

Survey Reports, they are regarded
as either pre-Cambrian or altered
Cambrian; but there seems
little certainty in the matter,
They are not like any pre-
Cambrian I have seen, but
like some of the more disturbed
parts of the Beecher Group, still
the Survey reports say that in
Anglesey similar rocks include
unimpaired the Arenig, and then
gives them little light on the matter.

I see no glacial traces and
only a few boulders, apparently of
local rocks. The whole surface
shows water-washed and weathered
beds of slate & quartzite with some
inland sea cliffs, and swales
or little valleys filled with shingle,
partly water-worn, and earth.

Hope and Eva and the
children are well, and the
air here seems most salubrious.

We are still booked to
return on August 22d, but
something may depend on
Eva's good recovery from her
impairment. I do not
wish to stay over to the
20th of Aug. Meetings do not
suit me, and the time
is late for a pleasant
voyage home.

We all send love and
best wishes.

Ever yours affectionately
J. M. Dawson

Kindly mail the enclosed
to Boston J. M. D.