

P.S. we shall be very
happy to see you again
on this side the water
on Monday we are
going to have a
poker game
Dawson at
the R.S. on
his poker table
I don't believe
in it, to allow
one vessel
to be drifted
by ice in any
pleased
Chesterfield
is "killed"
work

Addison Gardens
Newington 12th Nov^r 1892

Dear G^r. Dawson

I have been rather
slow in replying to your letter
of the 28th ulto. on the subject
of Chesterfield Inlet which I
intended to have traced to its
head in 1853. but finding when
nearly a third of the way up the
Inlet, a large river flowing into
its north side, I thought it probable
that to trace this river which
gave out a great quantity of
beautifully clear water, might
lead me by an easier way closer
to the Back River. than if I stuck

To

JD

to the Inlet itself - Probably, I made a mistake, for the river was very tortuous, soon got shallow and took a too northerly course, and the country lying between it and the Back, was very rocky and difficult to haul a boat over -

~~My~~ My boat might have been hauled across, but I feared the work would occupy us so long, that there would be no time to make the desired survey before the setting in of winter -

It was easy to find out that the Inlet was discovered and traced by Murk in 1619, but so far I can find no details of the work - I shall have another search next week, and should any -

- *Thompson*

- thing new town up, shall let
you know -

I notice in one of John
Arrowsmith's old charts or maps
of British North America dated April 1848
that there appears a large river falling
into the head of the Inlet which after
running a short distance N.W. divides
into two branches of about equal size,
the one shown as running due north
the other to west and then south
flowing out of Doobant Lake, having
a length (the river) of about 90 English miles

We extremely regret to hear
of the serious illness of Mr William
but trust the hopes & earnestness
of his being convalescent may
prove correct - Please offer to
Miss and Lady Dawson our kindest
remembrances and accept the
same for yourself from
Yours very truly
John Rae

Dr. Rae.

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Madison's Bay

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Map of the
River

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