

From T. STERRY HUNT, LL.D., F.R.S.

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PHILADELPHIA, June 25th, 1876.

DEAR MR WHITEAVES,

I am glad to learn that you are an applicant for the vacant post of Paleontologist to the Geological Survey of Canada. From my long acquaintance with you, extending over a period of fifteen years, and from my knowledge of your extended and successful studies in Paleontology, I think that you are eminently fitted for the post made vacant by the death of my friend and late colleague, Mr. E. Billings. I feel, of course, a great interest in the Geological Survey of Canada, with which I was connected for more than twenty-five years, and I am free to say that I think your appointment very desirable, and calculated to advance the science of Geology in Canada. I am persuaded that the enlightened Government of the Dominion will regard it in the same light. If I can in any way aid you in this matter, pray command my services, and meanwhile, believe me, dear Mr. Whiteaves,

Very sincerely yours,

T. STERRY HUNT.

From JAMES D. DANA, M.A., LL.D.

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NEW HAVEN (CONN.), July 13th, 1876.

MY DEAR SIR,

Learning of the vacancy in the Paleontological Survey of Canada, through the death of Mr. Billings, I take the liberty of writing a word of commendation of Mr. J. F. Whiteaves for the place. I have derived a high opinion of him as an able and earnest worker in Science, from his publications, and also of his qualifications for the study and description of fossils. I believe he will make a worthy successor to the learned Paleontologist who has hitherto brought honor to the Survey.

It was a great grief to me to learn of the death of Mr. Billings.

With high esteem,

Very truly yours,

JAMES D. DANA.

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Director of the Geological Survey of Canada.