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Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd ult. together with a copy of a letter from J. M. Hypperson Esq Civil Secretary to His Excellency the Governor. I must confess that it was with feelings of great regret & mortification that I received the communication. In estimating the services of Professional Men you must be well aware that the comparison of one person's charges from but a very indifferent mode of judging of another's. I have delayed my answer to your letter in order that any error might be corrected & that I might consult with the Chiefs as to their opinion of the Act. rendered. I find no complaint, either as to individual charges or to the whole amount of the Bill with a perfect understanding that the charge for a single visit would be five Shillings - entered into before I commenced my attendance.

I have to travel during great part of the year round by Port Credit in my visits to the Village making the distance over 5 miles, for which five Shillings is a small remuneration; besides during one visit (as you will perceive by the items) a great number of applications are made for assistance and for which the bare charge for medicines afforded is the only reward - the time occupied perhaps may be from two to four or six hours. Now a Professional Man is to be recompensed for his time at so low a rate I cannot conceive. What Dr. Dawson's charges are I do not know further that he charges each visit $3/9$ - but he has the advantage of a good road and only three miles travel.