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GEOLOGICAL & NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY,
Alfred R. C. Selwyn, C.M.G., L.L.D., F.R.S., Director.
MUSEUM AND OFFICE, SUSSEX ST., OTTAWA.

19 January 1888

Dear Sir,

Last summer, in the course of my work,
I had occasion to make a partial examination
of the Stikine or Stikine River, in western B.C.,
with Mr. McCawell of my staff, & made a survey
of the river to Selkirk Creek. As I am now
reporting on the work, & understand that you
have published various observations made on
the Stikine, I take the liberty of writing to ask
whether you will be so good as to give your
references to such publications. In little has
been done on the river hitherto & it is
desirable to chronicle all previous work.

John Newir &
Wartinez
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Yours truly
Georg M. Dawson

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Geological and Natural History Survey,
Alfred R.C. Selwyn, Director,
Museum and Office, Sussex St.,
Ottawa.

19 January, 1888.

Dear Sir:

Last summer, in the course of my work, I had occasion to make a partial examination of the Stickeen or Stikine River, in northern B.C. while Mr. McCowell of my staff made a survey of the river to Telegraph Creek. As I am now reporting on the work, and understand that you have published various observations made on the Stikine, I take the liberty of writing to ask whether you will be so good as to give me references to such publications. So little has been done on the river heretofore that it is desirable to chronicle all previous work.

Yours truly,

George M. Dawson

John Muir, Esq.,
Martinez, Cal.

[Following rough draft of a letter, written in Muir's hand, found on back of above letter]

Dear Sir:

In the year 1879 I spent a few weeks on the Stickeen River, but most of my notes are still unpublished. I explored in a very imperfect way some of the larger glaciers flowing into the main canyon. Only a few letters published in the San Francisco Bulletin, written in a popular style and not likely to prove of much interest to you in the work you are engaged upon. I have seen nothing of the upper main affluents of the river save what came in my way in [my] journey to the Cassiar(?) gold mines on the upper Mackenzie.