

Haast Pindehumb N 2. July 30<sup>th</sup> 1882

My dear Mr Dawson

Owing to the notice in various publications received by this mail, that you are occupied upon a biography of your deeply lamented, great father & that you wish to become acquainted with the contents of letters written by him, I have thought it my duty to send you the enclosed copies.

I am well aware, that these letters have not the more general interest nor do <sup>they</sup> throw light upon important *privatae* questions, as many others have from which you can obtain the desired information, but they will prove that his great kindness of heart, his encouraging leniency towards other workers and his sincere wish to acknowledge

the efforts of others, standing very  
deep below being purchased even to  
the stultification

I need scarcely assure you, that like  
every body who has the advancement  
of human knowledge & truth at  
heart, I have felt the imperable life  
the world has sustained, but we  
have at least one consolation,  
that the road he has worn well  
bring forth thousands & thousands  
fall & rise that future generations  
will speak of Charles Darwin's,  
as we speak of Plato, Galileo,  
Newton and a few other immortal  
souls, who have lighted our way  
with the shining light of their  
great thoughts & discoveries.  
The letter of which I read you a

copy I shall leave to my children  
as one of the most precious heirlooms  
I possess. Believe me  
Yours very faithfully  
Julius von Haast.