

6. De Vesce Terrace,
Kingstown,
Co. Dublin.

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My dear Fitzgibbon,

I have just heard
from Abney that he is coming over
to Dublin very shortly, & will have
a talk with me as to local specimens.
He quite agrees that a Gov^t appointed
Com^r or Tech. Inst: for Ireland sh^d
be appointed at once & sh^d be
asked for; in fact he says it was
recommended in their last (unpublished)
report; wh. I hope will be asked for in

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the H. of Commons. The Duke in the
"wont" more unless there is a
"unanimously accepted opinion," difficult
to get this side of Heaven, I imagine.

As there is a general opinion
in certain quarters that you are hostile,
^{and} your views are more heavy
weight, I sh^d be glad if you
could see your way to send me a
line that I might show to Abney,
in support of the proposition I
suggested at the Tech. Ed. Com^e.

That no subsequent misunderstanding
should arise I will draft a resolution
which might form the basis of action
for the Lord Mayor of London, the
Chamber of Commerce, &c. &c. for
the Tech. Ed. Assnⁿ. This

resolution which I enclose is of
course merely ~~my~~ ^a suggestion
which I have somewhat humbly
drafted. Please amend as you
think proper to let me have it again

Yours sincerely
W. F. Barrett