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My dear M<sup>r</sup> Moy.

Yours of 7<sup>th</sup> is received. I mail you herewith a copy of Van Salverda's book. I think you will be disappointed in it, first because he is rather indeterminate, and second because his translator is not an expert on the subject, and undertook the work (as he writes me) largely as a practice in the Dutch language.

I have always fought shy of having my portrait published; holding this as a cheap glory which the newspapers have brought into contempt, but as you ask for it I send you one lately published together with those of my fellow directors of the Canadian Society C. E. and also a former portrait which was published when I was Prest. of American Society of C. E. of New York.

And now I want your portrait to start a collection which I am about to make of the faces of the men who I have materially advanced the solution of the problem of Aerial navigation. I write at the same time to Hargrave & Lilienthal.

I am very glad to learn that you are at last to be repaid for your labors with some "cash." I hope it will be a handsome sum so as to enable you to enjoy yourself as well as to make the further experiments which you have in mind. I feel certain that these will result more successfully than M<sup>r</sup> Maxim's last, for the account of which I thank you. It is my private opinion that M<sup>r</sup> Maxim will now build an entirely new aeroplane, as the stability of the present one is evidently unreliable, and it would be a mistake to repair it. His great achievement is the steam engine, and if he applies part of it to driving a new aeroplane of about half the size, I deem it not impossible that he may show some remarkable results. I am not however now in correspondence with M<sup>r</sup> Maxim, and I judge that he is not a man who wants anybody's advice.

Reply

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