

Sydney Mines 10 March 1846

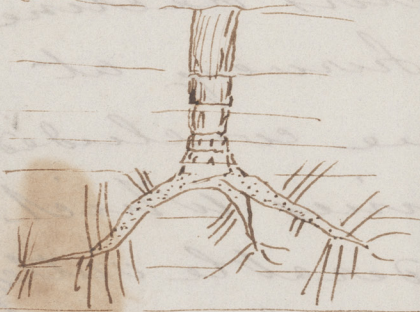
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My dear Sir

Mr. Cunard has no doubt written you that the Directors decline prosecuting the Geological Survey at the present time - They have concluded to open the Cumberland Mines which will be attended with considerable outlay and are therefore unwilling to embark in any other expenditure at the same time - I regret their determination respecting the survey being convinced that it would have proved beneficial to the Association and at the same time have afforded you opportunities of prosecuting your favorite pursuit.

I observe in the Athenaeum that a paper of yours has recently been read at the G. Society on Stipmaria - I do not recollect whether I mentioned to you that I had discovered a group of Erect

Fossil Trees in the Coal Measures here
with Stigmaria Roots & Strobili
attached to them. I have sent a brief
description to Mr. Arsted - you will
probably see it in the Journal for May.
The Trees are deeply furrowed but
without leaf scars. The annexed is a



sketch of the most perfect
specimen. I have also
found some other very fine
erect Trees with fluted
stems & leaf scars -

I am making up a box or two of Plants
for Mr. Bumbury but shall have no
opportunity of sending it hence before
May - I flatter myself that I have
got several new Plants - but I may
be wrong - I shall always be happy
to hear from you when you have
leisure & remain Dear Sir

Yours very truly
Rich^d Brown

Letter Richard Brown
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