

West Chester Chester County Penn^a
Nov 4th 1848

Mr Dawson Esq
Dr Sir

I wrote you in Feby 1847 on the subject of an exchange of Minerals and Fossils, from the answer of your Father you were in Europe at the, I however was about to make you up a box and forward predicated upon the assertion of your Father who stated that you would make a return for anything sent you in your absence when you returned, but before I had completed the box I was unexpectedly and suddenly called from home where I remained engaged in affairs that required all my time, your letter of the 5th of May following came to hand, but in the press of private affairs was laid aside and forgotten, I hope this explanation will be a sufficient apology for my neglect of you and a kind acceptance of my proposition for an exchange of Specimens.

I am now in a situation again that will permit me to devote a portion of my time to my favourite studies, and would with much pleasure forward you a box of Minerals and Fossils and accept a return in kind, I have on hand duplicates of some 50 or 60 sorts of Minerals and as many of Fossils including many of those found in the great Miami Valley in Ohio.

Should you continue to feel an interest in this branch of natural History and wish Specimens from this portion of the U. States, upon the reception of your answer intimating this to be the case I will make up and forward a

box of some 80 or 100 specimens as you
may direct.

I should be pleased to obtain a list of
the fine Iropean minerals obtained in
the vicinity of the Bay of Fundy as well
as all the other minerals of that and the
neighbouring districts.

And I should also be pleased to obtain as
many of the fossils of the Coal formation
as you could send me
Hoping soon to hear from you

Yours D
L White Williams

address me at West-Chester, Chester County, Penna
and give me the directions to place on a package
directed to you - I could send a package
to Boston at any time if you had an acqu-
-aintance there who would ship it and forward
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Letter
L White Williams
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