

Boston June 18/49

My Dear Sir

Having some business to transact in Boston I came on to this place on Friday last and expect to return to it Saturday in the steamer to-morrow. I hoped to have been able to visit Philadelphia but find that I cannot do so without spending a much longer time in this country than I can at present afford. It would have given me much pleasure to have seen you but I am obliged to deny myself.

I brought with me a specimen of coal from a recently discovered seam in the southern part of Cape Breton; which I beg leave to present to you with the request that if you can do so you will let it be seen and tested as far as rules go by chemists or practical men in Phila. It contains a very large quantity of gaseous matter and I think may be valuable as a

gas coal. I was employed to examine
the district last summer and as soon
as I can get a few copies of the report
will send you one.

I have also put up a few
Lower carboniferous fossils ^{from Widdowson,} add to
those I sent formerly; and a small
piece of Selenite from one of our gypsum
beds.

Letter
to Whiston from
Boston

Seal Letter