

Albany Aug. 9th 1861

My dear Sir,

I have received your
favor of the 30th ult.

The association of the animal
remains with the plant is
extremely interesting - In our
bed containing Emphytes we
know of nothing like land
plants - indeed there are
no strata in the same
association which indicate
proximity to land - The
Emphyte is in upper part of
the Onondaga salt group and we
have all the calcareous strata
of the lower Heldeberg group
before we come to the Onondaga
sandstone, and above this
rock, (in which we have
not Landplants) we have the

calcareous rocks of the ~~Upper~~
Helderberg group and our
flats appearing in the
Hamilton group - It should
not be forgotten however that
our Coudagalli grit, a rock
of peculiar character, does
sometimes indicate the
occurrence of plant remains
and as I have before said to
yourself or to Mr. Hunt I expect
to find this rock more fully
developed in the Northeast -
- If I can aid you in any way
in this determination
I shall be glad to do so - Could
I see the collection I might
perhaps make some
suggestions as to their
equivalency -

I have a letter of yours
long unanswered, but will here
reply to the most important part of

As I now recollect - The
Devonian plants - I shall
of course be glad to put them in
your hands, but my numerous
or might general absence
from home for a year past
has put it out of my power
to arrange these things
so that I could put my
hands upon them - I have
now my numerous boxes
in such a condition
that I hope to be able, during
the ensuing winter to put
all plant remains in
one place having them
selected as the boxes are
opened. I could at any
time send you a few specimens
but I suppose you would
prefer to have them all together.
- You may rely on having
these collections unless something

Prof. Wall Aug 16/67
Beyond my control shall prevent -
I do not feel that we are
sure of anything here, and
six months may bring
anarchy and entire ruin
in the destruction of law
order and even society -

So long as the cry is the
subjugation of the south so
long are we verging to ruin.
The north can never accomplish
this - meanwhile the least
that I look for is the withholding
of all patronage & Science
and everything connected therewith.

With kind regards to Mrs. Durran
in which Mrs. Hall joins

I remain
very sincerely
Yours

James Hall

J. M. Dawson