

Some points you require explanation they would I am sure both of them help you when in error and V<sup>r</sup> Charles Lyell

My book will 5 sh. 6 p. sent in a week.  
54 Harley St.  
London

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My dear Dawson

Prof. Owen was asked if he would allow all your errata to be put in & then if he would object to those cases in which you & he differed as to the genera to which certain jaws he were to be referred, to having a note inserted by the Council to the effect that Mr Dawson was of opinion that the bones <sup>in question</sup> had been misplaced & not correctly referred—

This being also objected to I took upon myself to say to the Council that the only way in which the matter could be done justice

The specimens are all marked by distinct labels so that our curator knows what came  
firmly send & thank -

So was by your reviewing the whole case  
& laying it before the Geol. Society &  
for that purpose some or all of  
the specimens must be lent to  
you or sent back to Canada -

The Council accordingly passed  
a vote empowering me to send <sup>you</sup> all  
or any of the various reptiles  
remain what you have at different  
times presented to them to be  
returned when you have sufficiently  
examined them, but before doi-  
ng anything any box I have  
thought it best to write to you

To know ~~the~~ whether you would  
like to have any sent & which

They shall go as soon & by any  
mode you may point out. I am  
afraid it would cost something but  
have no idea what.

I explained to the Council that  
rather than to set up your  
opinion in a question of Comparative  
Anatomy of Birds you might be able  
with certainty to say what was *Dendro-*  
*dreptes* & not *Hyphantornis*  
and so simply by having observed  
the juxtaposition of bones & having  
the same cases as in that of *Dendro-*

on species  
plates, separate 2 by itself. 1863  
In College  
July

It strikes me that you might  
do yourself credit & in a bene-  
fit by such a paper which I  
understand by a former letter you  
could not do without the specimens.

You will see when you read  
the last or 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of my  
book on the antiquity of Man what  
I think of Prof. Owen's readiness  
to ~~set~~ set the public right  
when he happens to have misled  
them into serious error by  
plates & descriptions. You will then  
understand why Dr Falconer & Prof  
Huxley both agree with me that the  
only plan is for you to take the  
matter into your own hands. If an