

In charge
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My dear Dawson

Your letter of July 18th arrived when I was on my summer travels first in Paris & then in Scotland. At Dundee I spoke with Sir Frederick Murchison but he was not able then to attend to the question of the Royal Society grant & I understood him to say that he had not heard from you on the subject. As soon as we were in town I brought the letter before him & he said that you had not sent in a formal application to the R. S. but he would be most willing to back it when it arrived but that I must draw up the application which both of us would sign. I found him by no means wanting in goodwill but he has been getting out his new edition of Siluria which with the Presidency of the Geographical Society, his official duties in Jernyngham Street, his regular attendance as trustee of the British Museum at their meetings, his pretty regular attendance

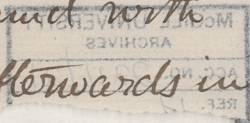
at the Council & meetings of the Geological Socy
great deal of exciting society in London is more
than enough for a man of 75 & would finish me
off in a fortnight though I am only 70 -

He seems to think we may get the money, but it
strikes me that if a sum was mentioned which would
be necessary for the 12 plates we should more
easily obtain it. It is not often that the B. S.
Government Grant committee can be got to give
money towards publications but sometimes they
do. I think this is quite a case when they
might do it. We must affirm that the sale
could not possibly remunerate a bookseller, that
it would be too large an undertaking for the
Memiors of any learned society, that you have
done much, as Sir William Logan took care
to make known to me & others to aid the
Government Survey in Canada by your
gratuitous services. The more of these & other
claims you can mention in your formal

application the better & the more hints you
can give me as to the manner in which I may
draw up our memorial the better. In the
meantime I will talk with the Secretaries of the
N. S. for not being on the Council at present
I am not quite "au fait" at the state of affairs.

I am much obliged to you for again dedicating
your "Acadia" to me it is a grand monument of
your labours. I am delighted to hear of the Decanian
insects. When I told Huxley of the fossils of the
Joggins he exclaimed "What a grand example
of a persistent type".

He has just made out that certain beds in
central India south of the herbudda River
& north of the Deccan previously supposed to
be Triassic because they contain *Dicynodon*
& *Labyrinthodon* contain also his genus *Hypero-*
dapedon which you may remember was first
found with *Telerpeton* in the Elgin beds &
afterwards in undoubted Trias near 'Marwi'



Murchison got the news of the Warwick fossil
just in time to cancel some pages in his forth-
coming edition of Siluria in which he had still
maintained his old notion that the Eflin beds
were Devonian. You of course saw in my last
or 6th ed. of the Elements that I was already
right in 1835 on that point.

My wife joins me in kind re-
membrances to you & Mrs Dawson & your daughter
whom we saw at Birmingham

Believe me
as ever
yours

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