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My dear Sir,

I was surprised to find that you were still on this side the Atlantic - and delighted to find that you had made such a satisfactory examination of the collection of our little known Devonian flora belonging to the Peach -

It would be a great pity if you were not

to add a statement to  
your paper in the Phil.  
Trans. on these Scottish  
plants - I never saw  
them here I do not  
know when I could do  
anything with the speci-  
mens - and under any  
circumstances I must  
look for your papers  
and specimens - a  
thousand times better  
that you should do  
it - The Devonian  
Flora is so completely  
your own -

If you are again in  
Edinburgh let me urge  
you to visit David Ross  
Esq, Rockville, Murrayfield  
and see his wonderful  
Stems of Carboniferous  
Comiferae & Alodeudra.  
His place is about 3 miles  
from Edin<sup>g</sup>. He is a  
collector of curious odds &  
ends - got a museum  
of curios - and is himself  
a very agreeable old gentleman.  
I have had 3 slices nearly  
of your Prototaxites, and am  
greatly puzzled what to  
make of it - it is a wood

anomalous structure -

If you care to amuse  
yourself with Geology at  
Burntisland I would recommend  
you to call on "Mr. Friere  
Arentland" who has sent me  
through Mr. Adam White of Edinburgh  
an old colleague of mine here, two  
specimens of <sup>calcareous</sup> nodules full of  
vegetable tissues from "Kings-  
wood road" - The cliff where Alexander  
II was killed. I am sorry  
I can give you no more definite  
address for Mr. Friere, or locality  
for the specimens, but you  
would have no difficulty in  
finding him out I should  
think -

With kindest regards to  
Mr. Dawson  
I am  
your very truly  
Mr. Arentland