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To the Council of the Royal Society  
Gentlemen,

I have this  
day received the official intimation  
that your Committee on Papers  
have declined to publish my  
Memoir on the Pezomachus  
Flora of Eastern America.

I do not deem  
to appeal from this decision  
which I suppose is not surprising  
relative to the existing low  
condition of Palaeobotany in  
England; but I beg leave  
to request that, as an act  
of justice to me, you will  
immediately return to me  
the manuscript and drawings  
of the Memoir, that I may

publish them elsewhere.

In support of this  
opinion I would state:—

(1) That the memoir  
contains the carefully elaborated  
results of more than twenty  
years' labour, including many  
laborious and expensive ex-  
peditions with the view of  
studying the fossil plants in  
their original beds, and the  
examination of all the  
more important collections  
of Devonian plants in Eastern  
America.

(2) Many workers in  
fossil botany are anxious  
looking for the appearance  
of the memoir, to aid their  
researches, and also because



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accompany the paper could  
not be removed without much  
labour and expense, more especially  
as several of the specimens from  
which they were made were  
borrowed and have been returned  
to their owners.

In these matters I trust you  
will at once comply with my request,  
and to facilitate the transference of  
the MS. I hereby authorize my friend  
Sir C. Dill Mont, to receive the same  
for me. I also hereby promise to  
return the MS. & drawings & the  
presses, and to present to it several  
copies of the Memoir when published,  
for the use of Fellows who may  
be pursuing researches in fossil botany.  
If necessary, I am also prepared  
to repay the fee given to me for  
the Botanical Lecture.

Yours the person to be  
your obedient servant

M. P. P.