

Pittsfield Me. March 6th 1876
Prof. J. H. Dawson,
"Mentual";

Dear Sir;

I enclose some rough - very rough - drawings of some ferns from the Foggin's Shore which I have in my collection, and I write to ask you to give me their names if you can discover by these sketches what is intended to be represented. They are about the natural size. No 3 almost exactly resembles a spray of hemlock, or rather four small sprays lying side by side. No 4 + 5 is from a stem on which there are a great many small indistinct impressions of very small fragile looking plants so completely mixed up that it is hard to distinguish them but I think these figures may suggest what I would represent. No 6 is not a fern, but apparently a small tree of about an inch diameter compressed to less than half an inch in diameter, the bark has also the bars across it but not the perpendicular

bar up the center. The transverse bars are not deep indentations, but very slightly ridgy but appear mostly in the color.

No 7 has very nearly the appearance of the branching stems of our common pasture brakes, and the fossil seems to show the same appearance, as those stems after they have become dry and cracked + shrivelled up. If you can give me the names of these without too much trouble you will greatly oblige

Yours very truly,
H. A. Morrell.

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