

Albany, May 6th 1886

Dear Sir William

I have received your note of the 4th with enclosure which I have forwarded to Dr Frazar.

I have two letters of yours partially answered, and as I have half an hour still before my breakfast I will write as far as I can, for I have besides this other things -

(Mar 6th) In the first place I will see that you get a copy of Vol. V. ii for your University - just now I have no spines, but will soon have some - The letter press of the same red. fossils is only in pamphlet which I will send, if not already sent - The plates you have are the photo. liths, from the original lith. plates - The volume will go I prefer a month, but I cannot promise it before January. The Brachiopod descriptions are not in print, except the Expl. Plates - The address has been sent you - I will look over your

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marked copy of my list of papers and send
you what I care of them - of some I never
had copies.

There is no probability that I can get
away to the Birmingham meeting - unless my
health breaks down and my physician compels
me to leave my work -

I have long intended to write
you about the crustacean which ~~Wagn~~ Wood
and Jones published - I had always believed
it to be a crustacean - wrote to Dr W.
about it in order to satisfy myself before
writing to you about it - intending to give
you the results for use as you might
see fit - Dr W wrote asking for more
information, a cast etc. - I wish to send
him, but I had written him that I
wished to communicate my results to you
and was surprised and very much annoyed
to see the publication - Unless you gave
him authority to publish it seems to me

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Rec^d of letter
of Prof James
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a breach of faith, since I had fully apprised him of my object - On this point will you please write me, for I have been very unhappy about the matter -

For some reason or other, beyond my knowledge, your Government Geologist has seen fit to ignore me in his distribution of maps and reports, though I have sent all my publications to the survey. I have some of the later reports, but not all as I see them in other hands - can you suggest any method of obtaining these -

I have not a complete copy of the decade upon Grants etc, which I prepared for the survey -

I suppose it is far too late to obtain any settlement of old affairs with the present survey, but Sir William left me out of pocket \$600 on the account of the decade, and through Mr Billings influence I could never get a proper

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settlement for the drawings and engravings.

I do not know if Mr Selwyn thought me inimical in his late trouble with the Government, but I knew little of it and took no part whatever, declining to express any opinion about matters when Mr Selwyn told I had not sufficient information.

Do not give yourself trouble about these little affairs but if you hear any one complain of my illustrations ^{or want, could} please charge it to my recollection of these things.

I am very sincerely yours
James Hall

How long since I have seen you

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