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My dear Dr. Dawson  
Your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
inst<sup>d</sup> was received on my arrival  
here from England, which I should  
have replied to sooner had opportunity  
offered for sending the specimens  
you require. I had an opportunity  
yesterday itself - now, and I shall just  
a week passed in charge of a - Mr.  
Patonson, who leaves this for Montreal  
by the steamer due here next W. evening  
or Thursday, and who has kindly  
offered to take charge of and deliver  
it. I have selected a few scraps of  
sculpture, and some of the associated  
rocks, from sundry parts of their

Isle, as I think it likely a great  
deal may be made out through  
them. The notes I mean would bear  
date 1874 - perhaps partly 1873 - and  
possibly Mr. Webster who I think  
was with him both these years  
might know something about them.  
I have just this moment got a letter  
which ought to have been forwarded  
but was by some accident neglected,  
from Mr. McDev. - It has been  
lying in my office since last  
May. Will you please tell him  
this, which must be my apology for  
not having acknowledged it, with  
my very kind regards -

With every good wish,  
I am, my dear Dr. Dawson  
Yours very truly  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Murray

I shall have a new and much improved small  
scale map out from Stanford next month; and hope  
to have a big order from Montreal.



distribution, which I hope you may  
be able to make something out  
of, but as the great mass of  
my rock specimens are boxed up,  
and my assistant who packed  
the boxes is absent on a survey,  
I fear I must await his return  
before I can make a sufficiently  
perfect selection. This however I  
shall be careful to do, so soon as  
I possibly can, and shall try  
my best to get forwarded before  
winter sets in.

Shortly after I left this  
in May for Europe, my assistant  
sent off a package of fossils addressed  
to our mutual lamented old friend  
Mr. Billings, of which I have not  
yet heard anything, although I  
imagine they must long since have

reached the museum. - Most, (if not  
all,) of these fossils were carboniferous  
from St. George's Bay, and I was  
very anxious that they should be  
referred to you for examination,  
as some of the forms appeared to  
me to be new, and probably of considerable  
interest. - I have written to Mr.  
Whitewoods about them, and requested  
him to show them to you as soon  
early opportunity.

I am delighted to hear that  
your investigations go so far to corroborate  
Sir William's opinions; and I have very  
little doubt that the closer the subject  
is studied, the more accurate will  
all his speculations appear. - While  
I was at home I had some correspon-  
dence with James Stewart about  
Sir William's last note books, which  
I was very anxious to get, but was  
informed by him, <sup>that they</sup> were all at  
Montreal. - I hope they may be