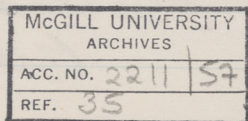


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My dear Dr Dawson

I have the cast
of my fossil in hand &
as soon as I can secure
two or three hours free from
interruptions will complete
it - My time is so cut
up that I find great diffi-
culty in doing anything of
that kind.



I write to day however to
ask if you will kindly
release me from one part
of the promise contained
in my last. I feel a
strong desire to describe
the specimen myself. It
is the first new thing of
any importance that
I have found since I
came to this country when
I am still comparatively
a stranger.

If you it will be but

a trifle & if you will
kindly give your con-
sent to my taking back
so much of my promise
leaving all the rest as
before I shall feel in-
debted to you.

I have not yet shown
or mentioned the fossil to

any other geologists & shall
not do so at present.

With an apology
for making the request

I remain
Yours truly
E. W. Clapton