

School of Mines, Columbia College,

CORNER 49TH STREET & 4TH AVENUE,

New York, April 10<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Prof J. W. Dawson.

Principal McGill College  
Montreal.

My dear Sir.

Mr S. A. Miller of Cincinnati a second rate lawyer and local palaeontologist is making a vigorous effort to induce our democratic legislature of Ohio to take the completion of our reports, now almost done, out of the hands of Prest. Orton and myself, where it costs the state nothing, and give it to him at a good salary. He says our reports are full of errors and have no scientific merit, that we have added nothing to what was before known of the geology and palaeontology of the State &c &c.

Now if you feel that our work  
is of some scientific value, and  
that all the geologists in this  
country and Europe, who have  
commended it are right and  
Mr Miller wrong and that the  
interests of science and of the  
state will be best served; by  
leaving the completion of our reports—  
our field-work being all done—  
in my hands rather than by  
transferring it to a Charlatan,  
and will write a word to that  
effect, as soon as convenient,  
to Pres<sup>t</sup> Orton, you will do  
me a great service, and make me

Yours very gratefully

J. D. Newberry.

Orton's address is

Pres<sup>t</sup>. Edward Orton.

Ohio Agric College

Columbus

Ohio.

P.D. Among other things  
Miller says that when in my  
report I say our Dadoxylon  
of the Anson Shale was ~~not~~  
a conifer but I was all wrong -  
that in fact it was an  
Endogenous plant like a weed  
or sugar cane - Your  
testimony on that point would  
be of value to Prest Ottow.

J.S.N.

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