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CORNER 49TH STREET & 4TH AVENUE,

New York, April 10th 1878.

Prof J. W. Dawson

Principal McGill College
Montreal.

My dear Dr.

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 Prof. 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 Prest Orton, you will do
me a great service, and make me

Yours very gratefully
J. D. Newberry.

Orton's address is

Prest. Edwd Orton.

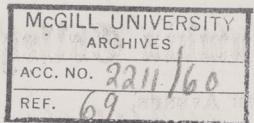
Ohio Agric College

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Ohio.

P.S. Among other things
Miller says that when in my
report I say our Dadoxylon
of the New Haven 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 Prof. Dolan.

J.S.W.



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