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Prof. J. W. Dawson

Dear Sir

Will you please state what you value the coll. of Desmanian Plants, of which you speak in your letter of Feb. 10th, at in money? you can probably say pretty nearly what you would be willing to dispose of it for in cash.

Our Trustees are none of them Scientists but nearly all are Merchants or Bankers and therefore look upon my transactions in a commercial light.

That being a point from which
they can readily understand
what they are doing. but they
have no idea whatever of the
Scientific importance of
any collection other than
what money value may
be attached to it.

As soon I receive your
letter I will lay the matter
before Mr. N. K. Jessup and
let the Committee to act on
the matter

Yours very truly

A. P. Whitfield.