

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY,

BURLINGTON HOUSE, W.

18 Feb? 1881.

My dear Dr. Dawson,

You will
by this time have heard
that our dear old
friend Dr. Bigsby passed
away before your note
was received by me.

I am greatly flattered
by the suggestion that
I should receive the medal

in your name. As it is
the custom, however, that
the Foreign Secretary should
act in such cases as the
present, in the absence of
the recipient of the award
or a personal friend, I
thought it unwise to
disturb the arrangement.

Mr. Warrington Smyth
therefore received the
medal, and you will

be pleased to hear that
the announcement of the
award was received by
the ~~science~~ society with
the greatest enthusiasm

Permit me again to
congratulate you and to
thank you for your
kind note;

Yours very truly,

John W. Ward

Gould
Feb 1841