

Darwin

21 March 1881

4, Pallenny Buildings,
Weymouth.

My Dear Sir

From the tenor of your letter of 7th - w^{ch} I judge I must have conveyed to you a wrong impression. I did not mean that I could not select fossils of your desiderata for the Eschscholtz I asked you to send me, but not for the shells. There are not of sufficient importance to me & besides it is usual & more convenient to exchange shells for shells. If I am thus misunderstanding put me right and I

will hold the shells at your
disposal. Please write me return
in case I should not hear from
you before my departure for
a journey of 3 months

I am
Yours truly
Robert Damm