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My Dear Friend.

I am now in the  
very thick of a big work  
viz. of an examination,  
Microscopic and otherwise,  
of All the Principal  
Coals of the world. My  
house is becoming a regular  
Coal-hole. I want you  
to put me in the way  
of getting specimens, from  
four to six inches square,

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Machinery to our Steam engine at  
the College which will much relieve  
me by substituting Steam power for  
the treadle lathe of my lags. —  
Before I have finished I shall have  
examined (and recorded) the results of  
each expansion of thousands of  
fragments of mineral Charcoal, as  
well as made sections of every coal  
that comes into my hands. I write  
to Newberry to let him arrange

of all your coals of  
New Brunswick &c —  
How must I go to work  
to get them. Can you  
write to your friends  
in the Coal districts on  
my behalf, or can  
you send me the  
names of persons to  
whom you would recom-  
mend me to write.

I need scarcely state  
the labour of this com-  
parative enquiry is  
enormous — but I am  
attracting some new

The American coals,  
but have as yet got no  
reply to my application.

Are you, like us,  
passing through a glacial  
epoch? Only this morning  
I had a letter from Mr  
Jutier, in Central France.  
He complains bitterly of  
what they are passing  
through even in his southern  
region. Have you got  
Dapolar's new book? as for  
me I give these Frenchmen  
up in hopeless despair!  
Robert sends loving regards  
to you all and I am as  
ever yours  
W. L. Williams