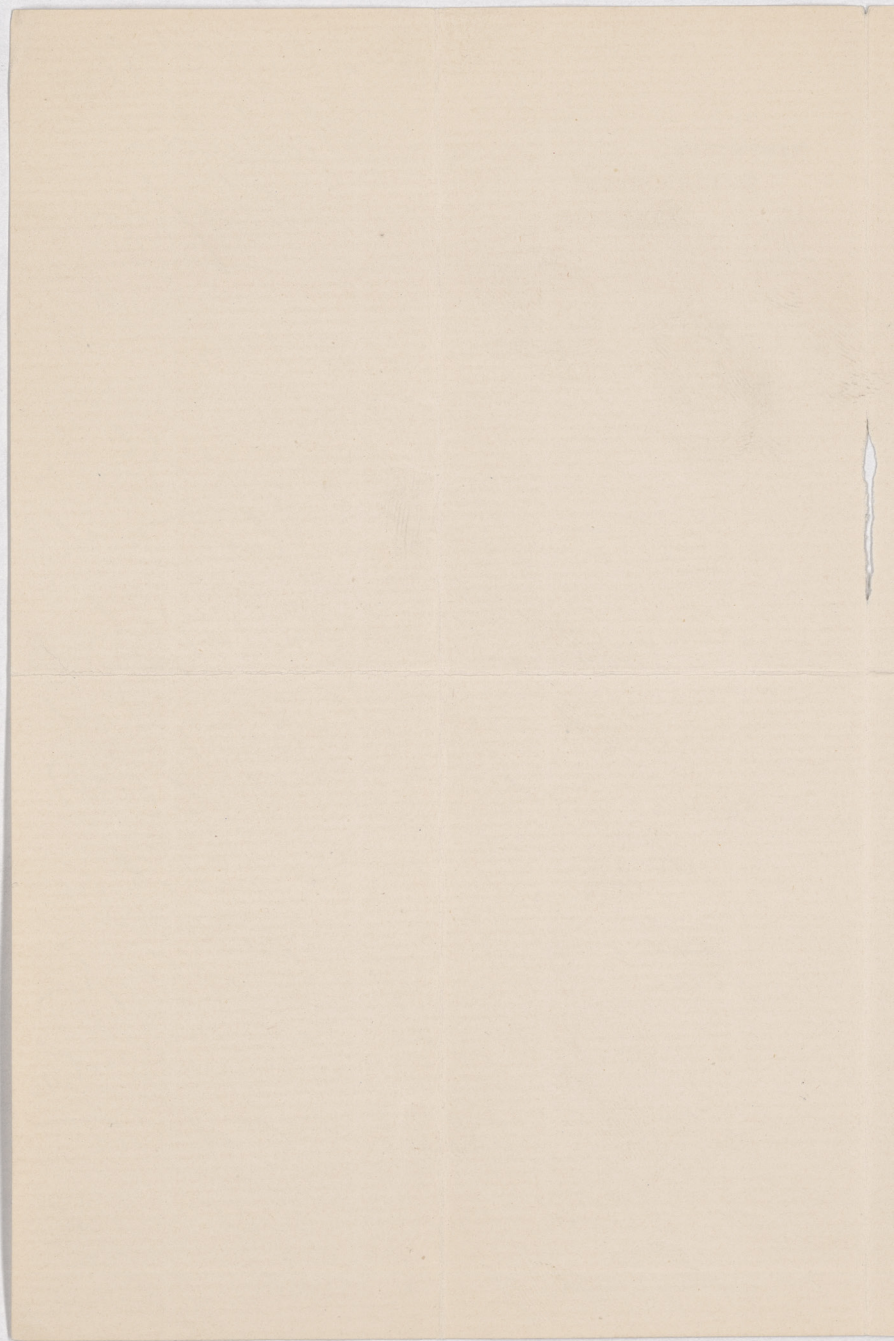


NEWTHORPE,
QUEEN'S ROAD,
ABERDEEN.

November 3rd / 88
Nicholas
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Dear Sir William Dawson,
I may accept my
best thanks for your last note
on Esjör, which has safely
reached me. I have only had
time to glance over it, but I
shall read it with much in-
terest. I am quite able, from
my own investigations, to corrobor-
ate your statement that the
so-called "paper wall" is often
composed of carbonate of lime,



a fact which, it seems to me,
is fatal to the view that this
structure (whatever its true
nature may be) is of the nature
of chrysothile, as maintained by
King & Purney & by Möbius.

There has been much lull lately
& am dull so, with the heavy
task of reuniting my "Manual
of Palaeontology". In the new
Edition, Dyckher is to under-
take the Vertebrates - for which
I have no taste - & I am in
hopes that, between the two of
us, the work in its new form

will be found to be a great
improvement on the last Edition.

We were in hopes to have seen
you at the "Geological Congress"
which went off very well.
I trust you are well, & that we
may have the pleasure of seeing
you again on this side of the
water before very long.

With kind regards,

Believe me
yours very truly

H. Alleyne Nicholas
