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Dear Sir William

I have intended to write you about a matter - perhaps too trivial for consultation but you can decide it at once -

Through the kindness of the Geological Survey officers and yourself I have had an opportunity of examining many of Mr. Billings' species, especially of the lower rocks - A considerable number of these described as *Orthis* ones I have placed under the genera and I would like to compliment the ~~name~~ ^{memory} of Mr. Billings, but I believe the name has already been used, though I cannot find it in Sowerby's Catalogue - Therefore then remains only the adoption of Billingsella - Can you inform me where Billingsia has been used, and if you consider it wise and complimentary to use Billingsella for some one of the Orthis -

I am just beginning the printing

of the articulates. This and its con-
= genus and have had great
trouble in settling some points -

When I came home from
~~the~~ west in June I found
a Mantuaat Paper giving notice
of the marriage of your daughter -
I intended to send congratulations
and do so now with great good
will -

I returned from the west far
from well and shortly afterward
~~was~~ attacked with severe illness
from which I have not yet
fully recovered - When I went
to Canada in the Spring I
was not feeling as well and
strong as usual, as perhaps
you may have observed, -
and after returning I had
many annoyances here,
such as in your country would
not enter into a scientific man's
life, but which have been the
bane of mine - I was delayed
in my western journey and the
weather got very warm while

was in Mesaurie, and in consequence
I was sick and came home in
that condition - but the serious
illness came afterwards partly or
wholly from the preceding
conditions, and the past few
months have made an old
man of me - for I have
become conscious of failing strength.

I hope you and family are
well - please accept my kind
regard for them all -

Please give me suggestions
as to the use of Billings name and
oblige

Yours truly
James Hall