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GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY,

BURLINGTON HOUSE, W.

Jan 26. 1882

My dear Professor

I have great pleasure in informing you that the Council of the Geological Society have awarded you the balance of the Murchison Donation Fund in recognition of your many eminent services to Geology and especially of your work

important work among the
lowest forms of Invertebrata,
in the hope that it may
enable you to undertake
yet further researches -
I need hardly say that
it gives me, who so highly
value your work and
respect yourself, especial
pleasure to be the means
of communicating this,
I hope, agreeable news to
you

Yours very sincerely
J. G. Bonney

Post Paper stones

P.S. I hope you will be able to
receive the award in person
on the afternoon of Friday
Feb. 17th

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Wildenmark Villa
Ilfracombe Sept. 6.
1877

My dear Professor

I am extremely obliged to you for the most flattering testimonial which you have given to me and which cannot fail to be of great assistance to me

Believe me

Very sincerely yours

J. G. Bonney

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Pembroke College Cambridge
Dec 16. 1892

My dear Sir

I was prevented on Saturday from visiting the Library, but have spent some time there to-day hunting over various books. I regret to say without any well ascertained success. I cannot make out where Shakespeare got his idea of the Thessalian bulls from. This is about what I have found in hunting through several authors such as Aristotle, Aelian, Pliny. Gesner &c.

(1) That Thessaly was very famous for its cattle —

(2). That Epirus was also celebrated for the size of its cattle — there are constants references to the thing —

there are numbers of passages about them but I have not found me specially mentioning their dewlaps or knees. but

(3). Large dewlaps were very highly esteemed hence probably there had large dewlaps.

I could not (much to my surprise) find a copy of Golding in either the University or our College Library - Certainly if he is the authority he has improved on Ovid for I think there is nothing there. I have hunted him and Pliny pretty well.

I am sorry not to send you more satisfactory information - No commentator on Shakespeare that I have consulted notices the peculiarity - Nym must authority for the existence of large dewlaps among ancient cattle generally I can soon send you plenty -

Very sincerely yours

J. G Bonney.

I should say that I have consulted two or three good authorities on Shakespeare and classics, besides relying on myself —

Dogs -
Ovid Metam. Lib III 206 ff

Golding Lib 3

Farmers Geologist