Shall ~~Mrs~~ you be able to take a few days holiday in Wilts during the Spring?
Believe me my dear Sir
very sincerely yours

W. Cunnington Jr

Cunnington

Since writing the above ~~to~~ I perceive that you speak of the chances of our botanizing together being ~~too~~ remote" – I fear that you have not forgiven me for a certain piece of selfishness, which my conscience frequently accuses me of, or you would not thus write –

C. DAVIES SHERBORN
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Hungerford Mar. 13. 1843

My dear Sir

Accept my best thanks for your kind attention to my questions concerning the drawers – I sent the information with which you furnished me to a friend, Mr. Hubbard of Leeds, and he has acknowledged it by sending me a package of fossils which however I have not yet seen – My Sisters too request me to present their acknowlegments for your kind ~~to~~ remembrance of their botanical requirements – The mosses are I assure you very acceptable – they are so useful a guide in naming the Specimens that have been found in this neighbourhood – My Sisters Louisa and Eliza with two young friends have been engaged

very assiduously in the pursuit of conchology during the last three weeks and have obtained nearly Thirty species - The winter has been so mild that these little plants are very forward. Several of those marked "March" in your labels were found by my sisters beginning and in the "middle of Feb? - Some species have not yet lost the last autumn's fruit. As the collection increases you must expect to have your kindness respected upon for names -

As soon as I have arranged my Farrington fossils you shall have a small series of the corals - Can you inform me how many species (or forms) of the Sponges there are in your collection - What do you consider to be the normal structure of Recent Sponges - and, in particular, what do you think is the character of the external and internal surfaces - I am very anxious to obtain all the information I can on the subject. If you should see Mr Bowerbank would you ask him his opinion - The structure of the surfaces of some of the species is I think highly curious -

If you could obtain from my friend a few fossils from the Bagshot Sand - I should be happy to return fossils both to you and Bowerbank for them - I wish much too to obtain a specimen or two of Bacculites - Perhaps Mr Bowerbank would furnish these - he would with pleasure do so if you mentioned that I want them -

But I am always asking and receiving favours of you - and this I neither can nor must do any further unless you will give be some opportunities of obliging you - my conduct is not even honest - Pray, as one in business do, "favour me with your commands"

Pity my ignorance - what are Salenia? - Are not the Oolitic fossils in the Farringdon beds usually much rolled? - are they th not derived from the waste of previously formed Strata? - When could I obtain (in exchange for any fossils I have) a series of the fossils, Sponges &c, from the French U. G. Sand which you say are identicable with those from Farringdon? -