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Dear Sir,

I have for some time past had it under my serious consideration whether the time had not come when I might present my collection of Fossils to some Museum, where they would be better taken care of & be more accessible to the public than they now are, & I have been making some enquiry amongst my friends as to the most desirable Museum to offer them to.

I cannot but feel that Bath & Bristol have claims & that it would be a natural thing to retain the specimens in some Museum within the district to which they belong, but on the other hand from past experience

it is to be feared that the Authorities of provincial Museums often do not place great value upon such collections, & that sooner or later they get stored away in some out of the way place where the public never see them; – if however the department of which you have charge at the British Museum would consider the collection of sufficient value to give it a place in South Kensington, keeping it as far as possible by itself, my present inclination would be to hand it over to them, & I shall be glad to hear from you on the subject at your convenience.

Owing to the tender nature of the shale in which many of the Fossils are contained some of them are very fragile, & rather broken, & it would be necessary to have them carefully repaired & packed for conveyance to London, but this is a matter of detail which can afterwards be considered.

Yours faithfully,
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