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Barnesville Ohio

Dear Friends

Prof - Dawson

There will - no doubt be some
what surprised upon receiving this;
but I make at present no apology,
I have learned that - that has been expres-
sed ~~as~~ a doubt, as to the truth of the
"American Glacial Theory"; this I
was much pleased to learn. An old
friend of mine, for 30 years an
engineer, ~~in the~~ & contractor in
the survey & construction of canals,
and railroads; & whose name is con-
nected with many important public
works, in the drift region, & who is by
nature a geologist; has furnished me
with some valuable information, in
reference to the drift, which we believe
if brought before the scientific world,

will set the "American Glacial Theory"
for ever at rest; The facts which
we have before us, form, an obstacle
that the Glacial School can never
surmount; I have rehearsed them to
many scientific gentlemen, who I
can honestly say, have had in every
case to acknowledge their force. I am
anxious to receive thy support; prin-
cipally because of thy influence in the
circle of science, & kindly for advice &
information.

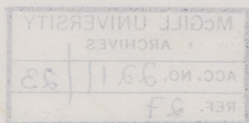
In consideration of the above, I so-
licit thy correspondence, in order
to give this subject a friendly discussion
for our mutual benefit & information,
and I fully believe, I can satisfy thee
or any other unbiased person, that
no glacial action can account for
the drift phenomena between the
N. Eng. Mountain, & the Rocky Mounts.

If this solicitation should meet with

a favorable reply. I shall as time
and opportunity ~~are~~ ^{is} afforded me, give
the substance in the "Million" or "Anti
Slavery" a volume, I am endeavor-
ing to prepare for the press.

With sincere regards for
thy welfare. I am thy Friend.

Isaac N. Vail,
Barnesville,
Belmont-co.,
Ohio.



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