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*Dictated
In reply to yours of*

*State paleontologist's office
State house, Albany N. Y.*

March 28, 1899.

Sir William Dawson,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir:

I find among the collections which have come into my charge since the death of Professor James Hall, a few specimens which were loaned by you for use in the study of the brachiopoda. Some of these are evidently from your own collection and some from the collection of McGill college. I write to inquire what your wishes are with reference to them. Shall I return them all to you or do you feel disposed to permit me to retain them for the collections of our State Museum, which of course I should be most pleased to do, and to acknowledge them in a public way. Pardon me for intruding this matter upon you at this time and believe me with most cordial wishes for your health,

Very respectfully yours

John M. Clarke

Clarke,
April, 99.

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