

Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, U.S. Feb'y 5. 1847

J. W. Dawson Esq

Dear Sir

Now how my apology for thus addressing you in the declaration that I am a Student of Natural Science, and would enlarge the circle of my inquiries by a correspondence with those of acknowledged merit in Corresponding subjects.

In some years past I have devoted a portion of my time in the forming of a cabinet of Minerals (mostly collected in the United States, to this I would wish to add specimens of those of Nova Scotia, and would solicit of you an exchange.

Among the most interesting varieties found in my neighbourhood I would mention Andalosite, Beryl, Corundum, Native Oxide of Chrome, Fibrous & Compact Green Malachite, Pyrope, Dodecahedral Iron, Triphosphate of Iron, Waserite, Quartz, Nyanite, Fibrolite, Garnets, Sulphuret of Molybdenum &c &c. Thus with duplicates from the West and North I could make up a box of something like 100 varieties of Minerals. Should you accept the proposition of an exchange you will inform me by mail at the earliest convenient season directing me when to consign them, (I presume a box could be forwarded from N York by one of the vessels carrying plaster at almost any time) and I will set about putting you up a box and forward it at the first opportunity.

In making up a box for you I will have a due regard  
to select those specimens only which are strongly char-  
acterized and in all practicable cases send you those that  
are crystallized hoping you will reciprocate.

I would solicit of you a suit of your interesting  
Fossils, for these I could not at this time send you an  
equivalent in kind but during the coming summer I  
expect a large invoice of these from the west, from  
when I can forward you a suit of them, they will comp-  
-rise a choiced collection from the Miami and Scioto valleys  
of Ohio, Indiana & Illinois, this collection has been made  
by Prof D. Christy of Oxford College who has so just a celeb-  
-ity as an Oryctologist

Your Obedient  
S<sup>t</sup>

S<sup>t</sup> White Williams

P.S. Should you not be disposed favour my proposition  
be kind enough if you know of any gentleman who  
would reciprocate to send me his address  
address No Chester, Delaware County Penn<sup>a</sup>

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Sir

I write merely to acknowledge that  
of your Receipts of 5<sup>th</sup> Inst - My son to whom  
you addressed that letter is now in England, and  
I expect him back Early next Summer, when  
I have no hesitation in saying, he will be happy to  
reciprocate your kind offer of Exchanging Minerals  
& Fossils.

Orders for Plaster never call at this Port, but  
if you propose sending a Box of Specimens, you  
will please address it to the care of Messrs  
Joseph Munn & Co. - Agricultural warehouse  
Bristol - These Gentlemen will forward it safely  
to this Port - You would better mark on the  
cover of the Box - Mineral Specimens -

My son will not fail to write you more  
fully on his arrival out.

I am yours respectfully

James Dawson

Bookseller

Bristol

Bristol 15 July 1847

Letter  
Walter R Johnson  
Feb 1847

Miss Mary Green Pa  
Feb 5

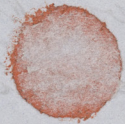
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