

Pictou July 17, 1849

Sir C. Lyell

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge  
with sincere thanks yours of  
Dec 28. I forwarded the notes  
enclosed to my care, on the  
day of their arrival. As Dr  
Jenex resides in Cornwallis,  
in the vicinity of Kentville,  
I enclosed his note to the  
Care of Dr Webster, who  
can easily send it to him.

I am much gratified  
by learning that Dr J. has at  
length come over to your  
view of the age of the strata.



His pertinacity in rejecting  
it, has done much to  
cause intelligent persons here  
to doubt the reality of the  
discoveries which have been  
made in our geology. Last  
winter, the Dr or some of his  
friends made an abusive at-  
tack on me in a Halifax  
Newspaper, accusing me of  
borrowing everything from his works!  
and of "disarranging" his materials.  
I was obliged to reply to this; and  
among other things showed the  
true nature of the disarrangement  
complained of. On this occasion  
however, as at all other times,  
I have carefully abtained from







P.S. It appears that Capt McTear has not yet discovered the veritable sea serpent. Prof Owen however is in some parts of his criticism rather unfair. The obtuse muzzle and "vaulted" cranium of which he makes so much, are characters also observed here, where there are no sea lions or Elephants. I think you will find them in the notes which I sent you of the testimony of the men who saw a creature of this kind at Merignish & Arisaig. They agreed in describing its muzzle as rounded and very obtuse.

Wm. J. Cole  
Feb. 1849