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I have the pleasure to inform you that the  
 proofs, &c. as advised, of the former were immediately  
 put in hands, and they being sent day in their  
 course to you the first of a new set of proofs  
 were begun: the remainder of portions of the  
 will be set up as expediently as possible  
 He did send you 2 sets of proofs the first  
 portion, and are surprised that one set has not yet  
 reached you in the present case we enclose  
 and send another apart also. The one we  
 send in regard to the paper we attached to the  
 than that of Neal's Geology, in consideration of  
 the price having fallen a little, but the mills  
 cannot always make exactly the specified weight  
 and it has turned out fully half a pound lighter  
 than we wished to give. When we make out the  
 account we will perhaps be able to give a small  
 reduction from the estimated price. The quality is  
 the best we use for any of our own books. The  
 proofs are of course on thin paper. While the  
 page contains the square inches of a demy 12; the  
 proportions are <sup>about</sup> those of a post 8vo.

In our letter of 10th March we enclosed patterns of cloth.

We shall send 1 copy of the revised sheets <sup>and</sup> to Mr. Bell, as you direct.

We put the drawings into Mr. Lewis' hands to be lithographed, but he is strongly recommended that they should be etched and felt so persuaded that you will be satisfied that we agreed to his doing so on his own responsibility. He will send you proofs as ready at 30/- each, so far as they can be got in time. We think your proposed price of 10/- retail is very suitable <sup>and</sup> considering the map and the illustrations.

We enclose letters from Messrs. Nelson and Johnson & Hunter, by which you will observe that they decline to arrange with you for the N.S. paper as seen: we shall return it to you by the first opportunity and have enclosed the enclosed letter with the N.S. and it has turned out half a crown to me. Then we wished to give a small account of the light which has been shed upon the reduction from the N.S. to the best we are for any of our books. The proofs are of course on thin paper. While the page contains the same width of a line 12; the proportions are <sup>about</sup> that of a foot 8 1/2.

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