

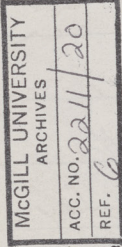
J. Ball

Oct 1861

Henry Sept. Oct. 3^d 1861

My dear Sir,

I have been intending to write you ever since you sent me the curious little fossils, which certainly seem to be Eumyrtines. I had intended a more careful examination but they had remained so long on my table while I had really no moment to think of them, that on the 17th ult when it became necessary for me to leave home, I directed Mr. Whitfield to put up any and all remains of plants acceptable in my collection and forward to you; returning at the same time your specimens. I had hoped to accomplish an arrangement of all my



collections, that I could have placed the plank remains in your hands, and so fast as I can accomplish this they will be sent you - still perhaps those I have sent will give you the greater part of the forms.

I have sent you at different times parts of a paper on some ~~Danish~~ ^{Danish} fossil, and I avoid any error I send you the paper complete!

Had it not been for the ill-natured remarks of Mr Billing this would have remained over in the next Report Report and of course according to his interpretation I should remain censure and distrust for saying it was the work of 1861.

I have never made point of hastening my publications,

and some of my generic
discussions in the 3^d vol. have
remained in print since
1857 but not published -
of the precise date of publication
or distribution is the point
It is all very well and in
future will endeavour to
keep up with the rest of the
world -

The confession of Mr Billings
that he sent to a friend in
Albany and obtained proofs
etc - should be amended so
as to state that in other cases
the proof sheets have been sent
to him, as my papers have been
sent to the press and
so that she has had them many weeks in advance
by a friend in Albany. ^{of publication}

I have long ago determined
to avoid a controversy with Mr B.
unless driven to it in self defence
His course towards me at an

early period of our acquaintance
was such that I dropped
all intercourse with
him, and so far as possible
shall avoid it in future

Speaking of Dates reminds me
to send you a sheet from
my Report of last year to the
Gov. of Wisconsin - I have
received nothing farther and
know nothing of it - The note upon
Receptaculites, may interest you
and the two last species are
from Rocks of Niagara age -

I have also another species
from the Niagara Indiana
one from Lower Helderberg
Rocks and one from the
Scholar's grit - Will you
please notice this in the oct. No of the
Naturalist if not too late, but do not submit
it to Mr. Billings' hands for that purpose
please preserve the phos for better
evidence

With kind regards I remain
very sincerely Yours
James Hall

Prof. J. M. Dawson