

Newcastle

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Dear Prof Bailey.

Your note of the 1st was duly rec^d & should have been answered, at an earlier date, if I had succeeded in getting the desired information.

I will retain the Specimens until I get a chance to send them, without expense.

I hope, before long, to have fuller & more satisfactory

information about the Fish;
but, in the mean time, I may
say that all my investigations
point to the conclusion that the
specimen was found, in situ, at
the Steam Mill, New Brandon.

I have not yet heard from the
man who found it: but I expect
a letter every day.

He told Mr Morrison,
the School Inspector, that he had
found a fossil Bass, in his quarry
& from my own observations of
the Locality, made a couple of
months ago, I can say that the
slab resembles some of the strata
there.

I have another Specimen
of a fish, obtained from the

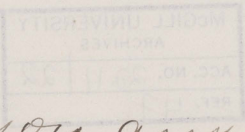
Same place as the one in question, wherever that was.

It consists of a part of the Body near the tail, with the upper lobe of, I should judge, a heterocercle tail & a very well preserved dorsal fin.

The Body has a number of the scales well preserved, as a coaly substance.

This specimen I wish to keep for my own collection; but I would willingly loan it, if necessary to the determination of the other, or to the discovery of the age of the Rock in which they were both found.

I will forward to you any



information I obtain, at
the very earliest opportunity.

I am

Yours very truly,

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