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My Dear Sir

I am much obliged to you for the interest you manifested on the subject of the moritonic plants. Mr Drummond has written me, and also sent me some pamphlets, showing that he had investigated this subject so far as Canada is concerned several years since - & presented the same theory of their origination in the post-pliocene, very forcibly - and satisfactorily - So should I call attention to the subject it can be only to repeat his ideas -

I think there may have been some vegetable fragments among the Gaspé sandstones in Maine - but - that terrible 4th July fire consumed all the other of the collections - and further information can only be had of the original ledges - My present field - New Hampshire - is absolutely free from fossils beneath

the post previous of the coast.
I am about to have a large number
of our granites schists etc examined
microscopically - following out the sugges-
tion of David Forba - It may be
that we can learn something of in-
terest by this mode of investigation.
I have to thank you for the map of
N.P. + N.B. you sent me some time
since. My atlas progresses slowly -
I can now fully comprehend Sir Wm
Lozan's remark some, when he said to
me that my work was a task of several
years duration -

I have just received for it, a very valuable
map of Illinois from Mr. Worthen -
I do not know whether the Legislature
have given him authority to publish
any map of Illinois, in a report

Respy. Yours

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I send Mr. Drummond's letter direct simply
Montreal.

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