

Dallas

Geological Society  
31 March 1871

M. J. P.

My dear Sir

Some time ago I sent you the proof of your paper ~~with~~ with this I send proofs of the 4 plates, which seem to me to be nicely done. - I have numbered the figures on one set of the plates, but as second thoughts I shall send you ~~the~~ your original drawings by book-post in case of your wanting to refer to them. - You will see that some of the microscopic figures differ slightly from yours, but others are merely copies of your drawings, the specimens having unfortunately perished in some extraordinary fashion while they have been lying at the Museum. The cause of the change that has taken place in them I cannot divine, but the vegetable matter has broken up into little particles & the Canada balsam is full of bubbles. - You will probably know whether it is the habit of such specimens to go in this fashion. -

I hope these plates will reach you in time to enable you to return them to me before the end of April, or rather in time for me to have them printed for publication on the 1<sup>st</sup> May. The lithographer might have had them done much sooner, but he actually did not commence work upon them for nearly a fortnight after I had put them into his hands, & thus only in my threatening to give them to someone else.

I have this morning received your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> relating to a charge made for extra plates, & have investigated the matter. You have paid £11. 8. 10 as you state, but only the  $5\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>s. 7.</sup> was for No 76, the remainder being for your paper on the Coal-formation of Nova Scotia & New Brunswick published in No 86. The Charges which are marked off as paid in our

book may be stated as follows:—

In No. 76. Corrections ————— 5.4

In No. 86. Corrections ————— 1.10.0

Extra for Plates ————— 4.4.0

Additional Plate ————— 2.2.0

Printing Plates ————— 3.7.6

11.3.6  
£ 11.8.10

The Charge of £6.2.6 is for plates illustrating your paper on Devonian Plants in No. 76, for which, as I understand the resolution of the Council you undertook to pay, all the charges beyond £6 which they voted. — Why this charge was omitted by Mr. Fenton when claiming the others I cannot tell, but it appears never to have been claimed until now. — The charge of 4/- was, as Mr. Lighton has already informed you, an error; he took out the name of Dawson & did not notice

the initial letter -

Your little paper on Devonian plants has not yet come in from the Referee, but it will, I believe be favourably reported on, & no doubt be ordered to be printed out of hand. -

I cannot tell you until I receive the Bill how much your two plates will cost, but I estimate them to cost: -

For Drawing \_\_\_\_\_ 4. 4. 0

For Printing, Paper &c \_\_\_\_\_ 6. 10. 0

£ 10. 14. 0

The cost of printing is increased as we now print 1500 copies. -

Believe me

yours truly

H. J. Dallas.

Principal Dawson

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