

Rockfield

Friday 6th Oct 1871

Dear S^r Dawson

Many thanks for the shells, which I have now packed up with many other things.

I leave Montreal by to night's mail train for Quebec to take the 'Historian' tomorrow morning.

Yesterday I was engaged for several hours in looking over the shells from Mr. Wilson's dredgings in the deeper parts of the Gulf of St. Lawrence; but I had to go to the Custom House

with Sir W. Logan to get some
packages cleared; & then it was
too late for us to call on you.

Pray therefore excuse this apparent
negligence.

Mr. Whitman's last dredging
has been most important, showing
the course & influence of the great
arctic current in a southerly
direction along your coast. I
noticed several high-northern
species & varieties which are
at present supposed to inhabit
only the western coast of the
North Atlantic. He is a very
good & observant naturalist;
& it is a pity that he has
not a suitable library of
modern works at hand for

constant reference.

With kind regards to Mr.
Dawson & best thanks for her
& your attentions

Believe me

Yours very truly
J. F. J. Jeffrey

P.S. Allow the good ones to thank
in my name Dr. Philip Carpenter
for his kind note & the value of
a *Verticordia*.

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