

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

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THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1883

Dr. J. W. Dawson:

Dear Sir,

Your favor of March 9th is just at hand and I am glad to learn that the specimens proved of so much interest to you.

The only plant remains found in the same beds or in the Devonian, I mean the undoubted Devonian, are the *Spirophyton*s of which I sent you a specimen. Among the fossils sent you by Prof. Hartt there is, if I remember rightly, a *Pseudodendroides* from a region of Carboniferous rocks but in which Devonian may also occur. There is also a specimen of

fossil wood from the Serra de Esse
in sandstone overlying Devonian beds
and which was considered as prob-
ably Devonian but later I found
fossil leaves in the same beds
and now regard them as Cretaceous
as you will see from my paper
which I send you with this.

I am in no special hurry for
a report and can wait your time.

If you think the matter sufficiently
important I would like to have a
paper with the necessary drawings
to be put into Portuguese for the
Arquivo do Museu Nacional. I would
meet any expense necessary for the
drawings. As you would doubtless like
to publish also in English, I would
like to ^{have} a reference made to the
Museum such as "published in advance

by permission of the director of the Museum
or something of that sort as you may
think proper.

until May my address will be
here, afterward "Museu Nacional
Rio de Janeiro."

Yours truly,

Osborne A. Derby

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