

Amherst, Mass.

Sept 9 1848.

Dear Sir,

Since the receipt of your favor of July 25. I have been making efforts, up to the time of my leaving Concordia for this place, to secure more better specimens of the vegetable remains a fragment of which I sent you. The only specimen of it that I had was the one that furnished your piece & I had been unable to secure any further pieces of it. The circumstances of the fossil are somewhat thus. It was ploughed up a number of years ago from very

near the surface of the
rock immediately adjacent
to the recrinal limestone.

From all that I can learn it
must have been a trunk of
considerable size, for when
broken up as it was by the
ignorance of the farmer who
found it, it filled two stone-
boats with pieces, which were
forthwith appropriated as
drainstones. I have made
vigorous efforts to return
this drain with any ordi-
ary man as to owner I should
have succeeded. Judging
from the arc which my
specimen affords of the
circumference of the trunk
the diameter ^{the diameter} must have been from
one foot & one half to two feet,
but no part is better pre-

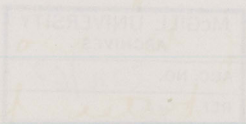
serued or more fibrous than
the fragment I sent.

I am myself much
disappointed & chagrined
at not being ^{able} to furnish
you with better material, as
I hoped to do, but I trust that
even with the present disadvantages
you will find confirming
evidence in one direction
or another.

Yours Sir

Yours Very Respectfully
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