

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY,

Berkeley, cor. of Boylston St.

Boston, Mass., Dec 14 1878

Dear Sir

Your letter is in
the nick of time.

This afternoon our
Museum Comm. meets of
which I am *ex officio*
chairman.

They will I think
agree to your propositions.
At any rate I shall urge
them to do so without reser-
vation, since they seem to
me perfectly fair.

With relation to the talk

matter, the first of its kind, in a way that
would leave no room ^{and} for a suspicion ~~of~~
and such is still my intention. To pay for the
damage done would be a small punishment
compared with what I ~~have~~ ^{am} voluntarily about
to do, to place the matter before the Council,
to whom I must plead guilty of carelessness
and forgetfulness, and be placed in a very ridiculous
position from which they have to rescue me & the
sacrifice of some of their own property. There
is only ^{one} thing in my favor, and that is, that I did
not mean to do this, we send away the Chicago 'look
myself, but was urged by others to consent to do so.
Very truly yours
G. L. S.

Alphus Pratt.

I had with you about
sending the things to Chicago
I now remember the fact.
The form of your last remarks
brings that matter up before
me quite plainly, but all
that I can bring to mind is
that we talked it over as
a matter of convenience, and
whether I had any right to
send direct to Chicago. I
would very willingly remember
facts in your favor as I have
done in favor of Dr C for
I cannot afford to lose the
respect or incur any suspicion
of false dealing. I had made
up my mind to meet this

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