

St. Kildaigh, Leigh Woods, ^{Hinckley} Clifton.
Dec. 19. 1842. Bristol.

My dear Sir,

Your friendly letter reached me
in due time, & it gave me, I am assured
you, much pleasure to receive it.
It is a fortunate chance that I happened
to mention to my Uncle, Sir Francis Annetto,
that I was engaged upon some work for your
'Survey', as it has led to the renewal of a
correspondence, which has already proved very
valuable to me. Possibly you may look for
rather than I am your debtor for a very interesting
series of Proboscidea specimens, & also for
many of the St. Lawrence species. - Should
you be kind enough to send me, when

I was engaged upon my 'History of the British
Marine Polypus', & they supplied me with
very interesting data in connection with the
present subject of Distribution. I will not
forget to acknowledge your friendly assistance in the preparation
of my work -

Mr. Boscawen's 'Histoire naturelle' for
the 'Survey' is devoted exclusively to the Poly-
zoa of the Queen Charlotte Islands. It is
appearing in our 'Annals of Nat. Hist.',
in the first instance, and will be printed off
subsequently in separate form, for the 'Survey'.
I have also received, from Mr. Whitmore, a
kind remembrance of St. Lawrence forms,
but not, I think, the bulk of your specimens.
Nurs, I fancy, were sent some time since
to Mr. Norman. I have at least the

which Mr. Whitecross did send a collection of St. Louis
to some Polypus to him, & as he has not been
able to deal with them, Mr. W. proposes to
transfer them to me, tho' I may have materials
for a complete Report. I have now in my
hands the collection of A. Lawrence of Dover
Va. which is to Montreal N. Hist. Society,
& I hope, when the L. C. Report is completed,
to keep those St. Polypus for the same
purpose. I should be very grateful for any recent
materials you can send me, & much wish that
I had a chance of descending to Unexploded
boxes to this purpose & fear however, tho'
I would hardly manage a visit to Montreal
in 1844, much as I should like it. It
has many other matters. Your kind regards
are added to the number; but at present. Do
not see any way to compare it.
I should be much obliged, if you could sup.

ply one to a good, (I am entitled to review
of your Lepra in quadricornata. The examples
which I send you before had the mouth
imperfect, & it is therefore difficult to
form an opinion as to the distinctness
or otherwise. So far I have been inclined
to refer it to one Macronella (depression)
occinea. May thank you for Post
Purcone's name; I shall be glad to refer
it to him, when I am studying the H. Law.
transfers.

Heartily reciprocating the friendly feeling
which prompted your letter, and with
my regards, Believe me,

Very sincerely yours

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