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Dear Sir & Dawson

I am sure you ~~will~~  
must be fore this have arrived  
at the conclusion that  
I am not very anxious  
to take advantage of  
your proposal to  
make a selection from  
my large store of the

Geological riches ~~in~~ that  
I acquired at the sale  
of the late Prof. Tennant's  
effects - When we met  
at Liverpool I fully  
believed that ~~I~~ my  
stay in Lancashire  
at the outside would  
not be more than  
10 days. But wholly  
unlooked for events  
in connexion ~~is~~ with a

movement in Southport  
to attempt the establish-  
ment of a Public Museum  
and in which movement  
I am ~~expected~~ looked  
to for advice and  
Scientific aid, has  
detained me here;  
and I have now left  
Southport to fulfil a  
long standing  
promise that paying  
a visit to a member  
of a Family of



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high standing in the  
North of England ~~and~~

The Backhouses  
they are Quakers, Philan-  
thropeists, and promo-  
tors of every thing  
good in relation to  
humanity. Mr

Jas Backhouse  
with whom I am  
making a  
short stay is an