

Northampton Mass Albany July 26<sup>th</sup> 1884

My Dear Doctor Dawson

I received your letter as I was preparing to leave Albany and could not then pack the specimen which you inquired for - I will send it to you on my return, next week -

I am here only as an invalid recuperating after a very severe illness which has kept me confined to my house for six weeks -

After Mr. Wright had communicated his paper I critically examined the figure, (~~as~~ he had put it in force wood cut, and we could not make a satisfactory representation), and became interested in its similarity to crustacean markings - I wrote to Mr. Wright expressing doubts of its relation to the reg<sup>n</sup> Kingdom and asking to see the specimen, and he kindly interceded with you for the loan of it - An examination of the specimen served to confirm my suspicions, knowing Woodward's familiarity with fossil crustacea I



consulted him about it - Telling him  
him I should write you about  
the matter as soon as I became satis-  
fied - or when I should hear from  
him his final opinion - This he has  
not yet given me -

I have taken the liberty of appending a  
note & the explanation of Mr Wright's  
plate which would have preferred  
to have from yourself - and there  
has been so much delay in the  
publication of our 35<sup>th</sup> Report that  
there may yet be time for a note  
from you if you think proper to  
send anything -

The specimens will go to you  
on Monday P.M. next -

Had you been in Montreal I  
should have consulted you about this  
matter before now - It was my own  
suggestion to Dr. Woodward that  
the fossil presented crustacean characters.

Very truly yours,  
James Hall

P.S. I shall go from Albany to the sea shore,  
but any communications will reach me there -  
I hope to go to Montreal in August, if my strength permits.

*Handwritten signature*

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