

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GEOLOGISTS.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, DR. PERSIFOR FRAZER,
201 South Fifth St., Philadelphia.

April 23. 1888.

Sir J. Wm Dawson. Montreal. Can.

My dear Sir William

I trust and believe that you are mistaken as to any misunderstanding between us, present or prospective. Of course you are aware that in endeavoring to fulfill the very difficult task which the Am. Com. gave me, I adopted as my basis of action the view that I was a Reporter not an advocate. I have tried to represent the opinions of the more eminent geologists on various important questions; not to influence the opinions of others. In accomplishing this it was absolutely necessary for me to give those opinions, & I have done so throughout my report quoting yourself, Dana, Hunt, Irving, Walcott, Williams, H. Folger, L. Conant, Emmons &c & a host of others on the subjects on which I had their views presented themselves.

For reasons which I am not able to state to you, it became of equal importance to quote the text of my own important authorities, & to do this I inserted Appendix III to the letters of certain of my correspondents.

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April 23 1925

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Out of quite a number, ^{of communications} that you
did me the honor to write to me
which my work was in progress, I
selected one which it seemed to me
you could have no objections to being
printed. If you do object I shall
cancel it, though at this time it will
be somewhat troublesome to do so; but
very statement which it contains, bearing
on the object of the report, has been
printed separately in the latter and
the edition is completed and folded
away. I judge from your having
had the goodness to correct a number of
errors in the text that you do not
insist on the withdrawal of the
letter. If I be wrong please write
me without delay. I should explain
that many of the corrections which
you make I had made in a revise
which was sent me after I mailed
the first very rough proof. All the
rest shall be made at once.

Very sincerely

Persifor Frazer

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