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To the Director of the U.S. Geological
Survey

Dear Sir,

+Yesterday;

I regret to have to call
your attention to an unwarrantable
charge against me made by a
member of your staff, Mr
Walcott, on the front page of
Bulletin No 10 which I have
not received, and in respect to
which, on seeing an early copy
of the bulletin I have since
some time ago by Mr. S. F.
Matthew I wrote in strong
terms to Mr Walcott des-
tending its withdrawal,
but have received no
reply.

The facts are these. Between
1865 I had been in correspondence
with and had looked with (in
the field and in determining fossils)
Messrs Paley, Matthew and Hartt
on the several formations older
than the Cambrian near
the City of St. John, N. B. In
1865 these gentlemen discovered
a most important group of
Cambrian fossils in beds not
previously supposed to be so
old, and Mr Hartt pub-
lished a preliminary note on

* and with my views of the geology,

these in that year. In 1868 I spent & pulled and illustrate at my cost, ⁺ ~~the~~ species in the second edition of my Acadian Geology and at the same time, in correspondence with Prof Hart, who as first describer of the fauna had a right in the matter, settled to give the name "Acadian Group" to the formation, for reasons noted in Acadian Geology & repeated in S. M. Hart.

+ and to which may now be added the fact that the name has been generally accepted and that it stands as a memorial of the late Prof Hart and of the fact that his book, and the name, was first introduced in Acadia in my book, and inapplicable to other formations.

These reasons Mr Walcott now proposes to set aside on most frivolous grounds, which I need not here discuss; and besides treats me, under the name "Mr Dawson", as an interloper in the matter, and accuses me of injustice & my friends at St John where interests in the ^{affair} matter. I was in fact endeavoring to secure and advance at some sacrifice to myself, while in fact he himself is an interloper in Canadian work now in the hands of Mr Matthew.

and has no right to interfere
 with the nomenclature of
 our journals especially when
 in doing so he seeks to revive
 a name which is a memorial
 of the late Prof Hartt as
 well as a scuttling one
 for a group of rocks just
 discovered and recognized
 in Acadia.

I submit that Currier
 is one as ^{an} one who has
 aided wherever ~~possible~~ ^{possible}
~~do to~~ the U.S. survey and
 its officers, and has always
 treated its work in the
 most friendly way, ~~and~~ ^{should}
 have induced Mr W. to
 commit the hope to
 such a cause; and I
 cannot but believe that
 there is a deliberate in-
 tention on his part to
 set himself up as an authority
 in what he is pleased
 to call the "Saint John" ^{Journal} ~~Journal~~
 at the expense of ~~the~~ the
 work previously done by others, and when
 even a hard glance at Mr Memoir shows
 me that in some ^{an} points his information is defective.

having been concerned
 in the original
 publication of these
 journals, as well as
 in the linking out
 of the beds in
 which they occur,
 and as

In these circumstances,
and before calling Mr W.
to account in any
public manner, I take
the liberty of bringing
the matter under your
notice, in the confidence
that you will regard it as
a duty to insert in the
Recall of the offensive re-
marks of Mr Walcott,
or otherwise ^{to} take measures
to relieve the Department
and which you preside of
the responsibility for such offences
against ~~national~~ ~~abroad~~,
good taste and good morals.

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