

Mineralogisches Museum
der K. Universität Breslau.

Professor Dr. Ferd. Roemer.

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Director of the geological
Survey of Canada

Montreal

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty, although not personally known to You, to ask You a favour in a scientific matter.

The late Mr. Billings has described under the generic name Archaeocyathus several species of very curious fossils from the Potsdam sandstone Group of Canada. Being occupied ^{myself} with a general work on Palaeozoic

Palaeozoic Palaeontology (The Lethaen p.
laeozoica) it would be of great interest to
me if I could examine original specimens
of this very remarkable type of fossils
which is hitherto unknown in Europe.
As I have learnt from the publications of Mr.
Billings that in some localities in Canada
specimens of Archaeocyathus are very abundant
I suppose that the Museum of the Geologi-
cal Survey may have one or two specimens to
spare and I should consider it as a particu-
lar favour if You would send them to me
by the mediation of the Smithsonian Institution.

In return for Your kindness I should
be very happy if I could be of some service
to You, perhaps by procuring ^{german} books of fos-
sils desirable to You for comparison.

I remain, Sir, with the highest regard
Yours most truly

Ferd. Roemer