

*From* F. B. MEEK,

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*and* W. H. DALL,

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE,

WASHINGTON, June 30th, 1876.

DEAR SIR,

Having been informed that Mr. J. F. Whiteaves is a candidate for the post of Palæontologist to the Dominion Geological Survey, made vacant by the death of the late lamented Mr. Billings, it gives us pleasure to state, that in our opinion Mr. Whiteaves would successfully meet the requirement of the position should the responsibility devolve upon him, and that the high character of the Palæontological work of the Survey, so well and favorably known in scientific circles, would be maintained by him in a manner entirely satisfactory to the friends of the Survey, and those interested in the Palæontology of Canada.

Very respectfully yours,

F. B. MEEK.

W. H. DALL.

A. R. C. SELWYN, F.R.S.,

Director of the Geological Survey of the Dominion of Canada.

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SALEM, MASS., July 13th, 1876.

MY DEAR SIR,

Understanding that you are a candidate for the position of Palæontologist to the Geological Survey of Canada, I desire to express my earnest wish that your application may be successful. It seems to me that you possess peculiar qualifications for the post. Your various memoirs on Palæontology, and your association with Mr. Billings and his modes of work, would seem to indicate your