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89 GLOUCESTER PLACE, PORTMAN SQUARE,

LONDON, July 12, 1876.

DEAR SIR,

The office for which you seem to be a worthy candidate is very important in itself, and made most honorable by the very great scientific merits of the gentleman you seek to succeed.

When I consider your long and ardent attachment to Palæontology, your many and valuable labours, in the field and in the museum, and the very many like duties in which you are now employed by the Director-General of the Geological Survey of Canada, your fitness for the post desired seems unusually clear.

When I saw you in London, just before you left for Canada, your appearance, manners and history greatly prepossessed me in your favor—what impression you have made as a fellow-laborer at Montreal, others will readily say.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

J. J. BIGSBY.

*From H. ALLEYNE NICHOLSON, M.D., D. Sc., F.R.S.E.*

Professor of Natural History in the University of St. Andrews, Scotland : late Professor of Natural History in the University of Toronto : Author of "a Report upon the Palæontology of the Province of Ontario" : of a "Monograph on the British Graptolitidæ" : of a "Manual of Zoology," a "Manual of Palæontology," etc., etc.

UNITED COLLEGE, ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND,

July 14th, 1876.

DEAR MR. WHITEAVES,

Understanding that you are a candidate for the post of Palæontologist to the Geological Survey of Canada, I have very great pleasure in thus formally expressing the high opinion that I have always entertained as to your fitness for any position demanding an extensive and accurate knowledge of Zoology, Palæontology, and