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Dear Mr Darwin

In another envelope I
send you the promised letters of
your father. They are not all
I have, for I have kept back
some which contain nothing
likely to interest your readers.

You are free to use whatever you
think proper for the purpose of your
work: but the too complimentary expressions
would be better omitted or omitted.

I cannot find the notes I
imagined he wrote about
Nov 1880 on the subject of
his Memorial to the Prime
Minister on behalf of Mr Walker,
and I conclude that his
first communication on the
subject was not by letter, but

that he called & asked me
to be the intermediary during
the Xmas Holidays in passing
the memorial on to the gentleman
of whom he left a list
who was to sign it, & to
get Lord Aberdare's signature
on geographical grounds.
A delay having afterwards
occurred owing to Dr Hooper

being out of town & will returning
to Memorial, then came on
organized with you & the
saying that he was afraid the
opportunity was now lost. This
may have been a postcard, which
I cannot find.

The official argument puzzled me
a good deal, as I had very nearly forgotten
all about it. After searching I have found
it enclosed, which must be the hope for
father's words apply to. The argument used
must be now very familiar to biologists. The battle
got over the difficulty of the igneous pole theory
of Lewis & the sea theory. I am sincerely
yours
C. D. D. D.