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Waverdale Road, King's Road,
Chelsea, London W.
October 30/02

Dear Sir,

Learning that you wish
to see as many of your late
Father's Letters as maybe, I had
too with my late Father-in-law,
John Harris, Esq., Charing, Kent-
(father of my first wife) - received from
London ^{about 20} years ago, on the
subject of the Fossil Coriophidia
(from the Chalk). I fear that
there is nothing of interest in
these letters except indications
of his kindly feelings, careful
recognition

recognition of help given by others -
exactitude in work, - all wh^{ch}
points are well known
without additional evidences.

I regret that when I began
to collect autographs - & therefore
to keep letters from high class
men, I was too particular
in destroying all except
the parts with signatures &c,
otherwise I might have been
more happy in offering you

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other & interesting notes - of
about the time when I was
Asst. Secretary to the Geological
Society -

My friend Mr William
Widdings, Solicitor, Mont-
gomery, Wales, has often
told me of his knowledge
of the Darwin family at
Shrewsbury - & of other
matters ^{thereto} related - He
w^d. not, I fear, venture to
address you on the subject, but

if incited by a request
from yourself (if you thought
proper), I trust that he wd.
put his memoranda on
paper,

Believe me dear Sir,
Yours truly & Respectfully

Wm. P. Jones

M.S., G.S., late

Professor of Geology,
Staff College,
Sandhurst

To Francis Darwin, Esq. M.A.
F.R.S. hon