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Dear Mr. Darwin,

I see by notification in the Pall Mall Gazette and elsewhere that you are collecting your father's letters with a view to biographical purposes. I was about forthwith, when I read the notice, to send you those which I have; but was made to pause by remembering that in ^{an} analogous case letters which I sent have never come back, from some mischance, — very possibly miscarriage. As some of your father's letters are

of a kind which I should
be extremely sorry to lose, and
do not like to run any
possible risk through transmission,
I think it best simply to
send you copies of them made
by my secretary. Of course the
originals will be always at
hand for verification.

Very truly yours

Herbert Spencer

Francis Darwin Esq.

P. S. In all cases but one
your father's letters though they
give the month omit to state
the year. I have in some
cases been able to supply this,
since the date is generally
indicated by references in the
contents.