

P.S. - We are going from home for a month on Tuesday
next, the 11th, - during which time - if you should wish to
write - my address will be - South West. Lynton
Bristol

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Belmont

Bath

July 7th, 1866.

My dear Sir,

I am happy to say that I have
been able, without any assistance, to
complete an entire copy of all your
Father's letters to me - which I send
to you, ^{by rail} at the same time as posting this
letter. I assure you it has been a
labour of love, for your Father's memory
is very dear to me. Indeed his friendliness
towards me, as expressed in some of
the letters, was so marked, that I felt
some reluctance in repeating all he has
said, in the copying of them. - In these
letters especially which have reference
to that part of the Zoology of the
Bayle, Tuzis, which I undertook.

only at his earnest request, — I think,
from a kind feeling, he rather over-estimated
my fitness for the task. — However, I
determined — after some thought and
deliberation — to copy them exactly as they
stand in every respect, leaving it to you
to deal with them as you think best. —
I place them entirely in your hands, and
you may make any use of them you choose,
— publishing any, or as many as, — you
judge to be serviceable in a Biography
(or ^{or writing papers if you think better to left out})
of your distinguished Father; — In some
cases I have put a heading to the letters
explaining of the matter to which they
chiefly relate; — to others, especially the
first, I have appended Notes — one or
two of an anecdotic character — which

I thought might interest. I cannot
call to my recollection distinctly — 'tis so
many years ago — say thing further, as
to his college life, than what I have
stated here, & stated previously in a
letter to Sir J. Hooker, which I don't say
he has shown you. — It was my wish
& endeavour to place the letters in the same
order of time in which they were written;
but I am not quite sure this has been
carried out in the case of two or three of
the earlier ones, & your Father in his
letter not unproprietly omitted the date,
as regards time, altogether; and hardly
ever mentioned the year, which I have
put in myself, where I could, from
external evidence, or any particular

circumstances which enabled me to fix it. Your Father's hand was not the most legible, especially when unwell, as he apologizes in one of the letters; - and, as I presented in the copying, I found it never would have done to have committed the task to others who were not familiar with his writing, - & quite ignorant of the subjects to which they relate, entailing the use of some Nat. Hist. terms, &c. very difficult to decipher.

You had better read the letters before making any lengthened reply to them, as they may suggest remarks - or some further inquiries you would wish to make, and I shall be most happy to give - as far as I am able - any additional information you may require. - A post-card would suffice at present just to announce the safe arrival of the letters. - Believe me
Sincerely yours
L. Blomfield.