

I ought to
try and find the
letters about the
collected Colleen
of papers
which I got from
Mr. Darwin
I will search again
W.H.

I send
you all the letters I can
find. I do not see any
thing you need cut out
a few words in one that
might seem to reflect on
Owen, but which I am
sure he did not intend.

The facts were these. No
one ever suspected that there
were any fossil remains
except large oysters at the
foot of some cliffs - in the
Patagonian beds. The
Megatherium clasp being

all in, or washed down from
surface gravel; and in
all directions he gave me
for further geological
work, he (our father) never
thought of such a thing;
going into P. valleys -
found, ^{by accident} in a fragment at the
base of the river cliffs, about
300 feet high, a little nasal
bone, which produced the
head of a little rodent. On
cooking further I found the
wonderful mass of fossil
remains, including large
and small heads &c. which
you will know as described
by Owen & named

by him "Nesodon". of four
species. Bones too on
three smaller animals
of different class.
I went up next day and
cut out in all directions,
with axes & hatchets,
enough to fill 14 (I think)
empty flour barrels; as
I could not remain longer,
two large crates were well
laden. I sent them to
our father and he
landed them over to
Owen; who worked out
a few pieces - some fine

or six - each of which
produced a new ^{species} ~~species~~
when Owen read the paper
at B. A. Soc. he said,
it was the most valuable
zoölogical discovery of New
Animals since Dr.

Falkener's in India.
The Presidents of Royal Soc.
& Geological Soc. went to
the First Lord, and asked
that I might be ordered to
go there again, & remain
long enough to make a
large collection; but we
entered into the war in
River Plate, & I never again
went to the South. Then

Then when Haies was going
out to Hickey the Straits
Magellan, the same request
was made for him to
go there; I drew up
clear directions for it: that
I heard after from Mr
Cunningham the Naturalist,
that they had gone to North
side of Inlet, 7 miles below
the North side of River, &
only found two bones - I
think & those quite different,
and I suppose much more
recent - as I found a
piece of aligner of
probably Forodon, on
that species, in the surface

Travel above the cliffs
from which the ^{large} fragments
full of fossils had fallen.
When I came home in
Philomel I found the
few pieces Owen had
worked out, in lollype of
Surgeon's Museum. Many
pieces after not a single
piece more had been
worked out, and I saw
the caskets full of stone &
bones in the cellars. This
seemed to make such a
point of sending a ship
for more, almost a fairce.
after Owen went to B
Museum, while I was

at Board of Trade, and
Mr. Fowler was at the
Museum, I again saw
the caskets full in the cellar.
When I had to retire, and
my health got better here,
I recollected that Dr. Falkner
had worked out his own
bones. So I thought I would
do the same down here,
and I went up to C of
Surgeons to ask for them.
They were gone entirely.
Mr. F. knew nothing about
it; but ~~we~~ searched the
cellars ~~thoroughly~~ and could
not find any. I then saw
Owen and he knew nothing
of them; but it was clear
that they had never been

Touched all these species and
only the first few pieces
ever worked out. This is
what your father's note
refers to.

I am glad to tell you that
Melleish is not only alive
but in better health, though
subject to Sciatica sometimes.
He now lives at
9 Medina Villa - Hove
W. Brighton

The others of people living
are, Adm. Stokes -
Haverfawceter.

Capt. J. A. Osborne. Plymouth
Rev. Hammond. Weybourne, ^{Norwich} Hoet.
P. S. King Bankside. ^{Sydney} Double Bay, N.S.W.
Mature with ~~any~~ six out of
the 12 including the culture of leaves

officers and your father - (3) That
first went to J. D. Peery in 1832
There were eight up to his
death, ~~as~~ Admiral Johnson died
just afterwards. It is more
strange that of the 12, there had
not been a death one 33 years,
though seven of the party
had gone through one or
more wars, or similar dangers,
and three had been badly
wounded. Wborne with a
large musket ball through the
center of his body only just
clear of spine. Stokes speared
through back & lungs. (both still
alive about 72 years old). &
Forsyth, badly wounded in China
but lived many years after.

You will see in one of your
Father's letters - 1870 - he alludes
to my son being sent to Africa.
That requires explanation. The

had been a part. Survey or with
traces in Mediterranean surveying
ships perhaps the very last
position for a young Lt. in the service.
Working on a ship in Sicily in
the unhealthy time. He, & sixteen
out of eighteen men with him
in the boats, had to be taken to
Maelta Hospital with that bad
fever. After many months,
with three relapses, in Maelta H.
he was brought home in a
bad state, and in all it was
nine months before he was
pronounced "fit for service."

Three doctors reported that
"after such a severe attack
of fever on no account must
Mr. S be sent to a station liable
to malarial fever for at least two
years." I quoted that to the

Naval Lord who appointed him,
and asked him to appoint
him to one of several ships
ordered to form a Cruising
Squadron - He took no notice
of this but appointed him
to a Barbours ship. ^{ew.}
He had lost through his illness
so much sea time, he asked
for a sea going ship &
he was immediately sent
out to one on Coast of Africa.
It was cruel, if it was not
as I hope thoughtless.
After two years not ill
enough to unwell, but with
the fever still in his system,
The ship went to River Plate

Station, which we hoped would
restore him; and as the ship
would be home before long the
Capt. kept him and excused
him much duty. One night
she went on shore badly. For
three nights and two days
she was in great danger; he
kept her heart, was ^{causing}
on the work all the time,
which his Capt. wrote to
me, "was more than he could
bear in his weak peculiar
state," the day after she was
off he drooped - and soon died
and it his death your father
alludes to in a subsequent
letter. I have been
waiting while looking for more letters
I fear these are all. I will read
any more I find. our very kind
 regards to Mr. Darwin and all your
family