

Cambridge

Mayworth Rectory
Warham

Oct 2. 1882.

My dear Sir

I regret having been
so long in sending you
the letter from late
Father's about which I wrote
on leaving your advertisement.

I by now to enclose it, and
also another which I have
just come across. The latter
is purely personal, but is
still every characteristic of
our Father's most generously
formed in attributing to
others working in the same
field with himself, far.

more credit than due to
them (I speak of course
here only for my self not
for ~~them~~ Fritz Miller).

You will kindly use
both in return of these letters
as you see fit - I do not
of course know on what
plan your work is intended
to proceed; but I think
a note might be added to
the back of these letters
stating the ^{principal} point on which
our correspondence took place.
Possibly my letter to which
this of your Father's was an

is extant among his papers?
If not, there are no copies of it
but I remember that my
point was stated in almost
the same words as Heald
stated it some years before
in the course of a correspondence
with Mr A. H. Higgins of the
L'pool Museum, 2 of which I
have a copy before me.

I was writing to him about
the special characters in
the structure of male spiders.
and I now enclose you a
copy of the portion alluded
to. This subject has of course

A special personal interest
there, but I venture to think
a scientific interest also.

In allusion to this, in a
work by myself on "Fishes
of Dorset" in 1879. Introd.

p. vi. I have stated that
"in a correspondence several years ago
but I answered did not agree
with my views" on it.

That was my impression
at the time, as the result of
our correspondence; but I think
now (on a reconsideration of
it) that our views are quite
reconcilable, and that your
father did not intend to
join any district committee
with me. The point becomes still
further interesting because,
more recently X

There is undoubtedly some-
thing in the male organi-
zation, of a special and
sexual nature, which of
its own vital force de-
velopes the remarkable
male peculiarities so com-
monly seen, and of no
imaginable use to that sex.
Now as far as these peculiarities
show a great vital power,
they point out to us the
finest and strongest ^{individuals} of
the sex, and show us which
of them would appropriate to
themselves the best and
greatest number of females,
and leave behind them the

"to be, be accounted for
" by the application of
" Mr Darwin's theory."

O. M. Anderson

do not copy

Cambridge an extract from a
Copy of letter to Mr H. H.
Higgins of Liverpool. October
19. 1869.

"Any generalizations as to
"the special use or purpose of
"the Palpal organs of spiders, as
"indicated by their complexity,
"would be, it seems to me, im-
"possible. We find the
"greatest simplicity, and the
"greatest complexity of structure
"in closely allied species of the
"same genus. I myself doubt
"that particular application
"of the Darwinian theory which
"attributes male peculiarities
"of structure to female
"appetency or predilection.

greatest number of progeny.

And here would come in
if it seems to me

the proper application of
Darwinianism, for the
possessors of greatest vital
power being those most
frequently produced and
reproduced, the external
signs of it would go on in
an accn. increasing ex-
aggeration, only to be checked
when this became of real
detriment in some respect
or other to the individual.

The ridiculous disproportion
in size of the male to the
female of some species of
Insects can only, it seems

* (more accurately) still; but
A. R. Wallace in his work
"Tropical Nature" plainly
states and explains the
views that I brought to
our attention ^{in 1869}
Mr. Higgins, & corresponded
with your Father upon in
1874.

The "Reference" alluded to
in the early part of the letter
of Feb'y 20/74, was to a paper
in which I had offered some
remarks on the origin of the
great disparity in size between
the males and females of some
species - I do not know in
what work of your Father
this is quoted (if it be so).

Do you happen to be
aware of it? if so I should
be greatly interested to know
where it is quoted!

Apologizing for this
long letter & hoping to hear
that the Enclosures have
reached you safely

I am faithfully &
truly yours

O. P. Cambridge

P.S. I am in Eyr

P.S. as they are only ^{personal}
mementos I possess of your
late father I should be
glad to receive again the
letters I now send, when
quite done with