

29 Northam Road
Oxford.
11/6/82.

Dear Sir
 Having seen a letter of
 yours in the 'Lancet' request-
 ing owners of letters from the
 late Charles Darwin, to
 lend them to you for the pur-
 pose of making copies, with
 a view to publishing a volume
 of his letters. I beg to enclose
 a letter I received from him
 on the 11th of January 1880, in

answer to a letter of mine
pointing out what seemed
to me a contradiction
between two passages occur-
-ing on consecutive pages
of the 'Origin of species'

Mr Darwin did not quite
see where my difficulty
lay, but his letter incident-
-ally explained to me how
it arose. He uses the words
'jostle each other' in two
different senses implying
in the one case a

struggle for existence and
in the other mere passive
owing to the absence of a
struggle for existence.

You are perfectly at liberty
to make any use you think
fit of the letter. I send you
a copy of it, to save you trouble
& to enable you to ~~return~~
return the original (which
I value very highly) without
delay.

Yrs faithfully
F. S. Arnold.