





January 1, 1882.

Dear Professor Rogers:

As you know, for some time I have not been a very useful member of Society. In order, however, not to be absolutely idle, I conceived the plan of compiling a list of the contributions to scientific and periodical literature made by Professors and Alumni of the Institute of Technology. I have several times had such a project in mind but have never before been situated so that I could consider it seriously.

An additional incentive to make such a compilation was the thought that the list might add, in some trifling degree, to the satisfaction which you must have in reviewing your connection with the Institute and in feeling that while the burden of active duty is now removed, the vines of your own planting had already borne much fruit.

The favor with which my idea was received by Professors and Alumni has made the completion and publication of the List possible, and I did hope to present you with a finished copy as a New Year's Surprise.

This, however, could not be accomplished, but, in order not to deprive myself of the anticipated pleasure, I take the liberty of presenting you with a New Year's card in the shape of a complete set of "proofs" of the matter as it now stands. In the course of two or three weeks, I shall send you a copy of the pamphlet itself which will be more complete and more orthodox in outside appearance, but the present issue has, at least, the merit of being unique.

With the hope that you may still for many years be permitted to watch the progress of the Institute which owes so much to you, — which, indeed, owes itself to you, —

I am,

Yours respectfully,  
Wm. Ripley Nichols



January 1851

My dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours, &c.

Very respectfully,  
J. H. [Signature]  
The Hon. [Address]



x  
Charlestown, Jan. 17, 1882.

Dear Professor Rogers,

It would give us much pleasure and be a most delightful souvenir of our beloved father and great benefactor, if he would present to the Alumni Association, to be preserved in their archives, a history of its homestead from its earliest conception. Not one among us is ~~so~~ so preeminently well fitted to tell so much about his children and their home as their father.

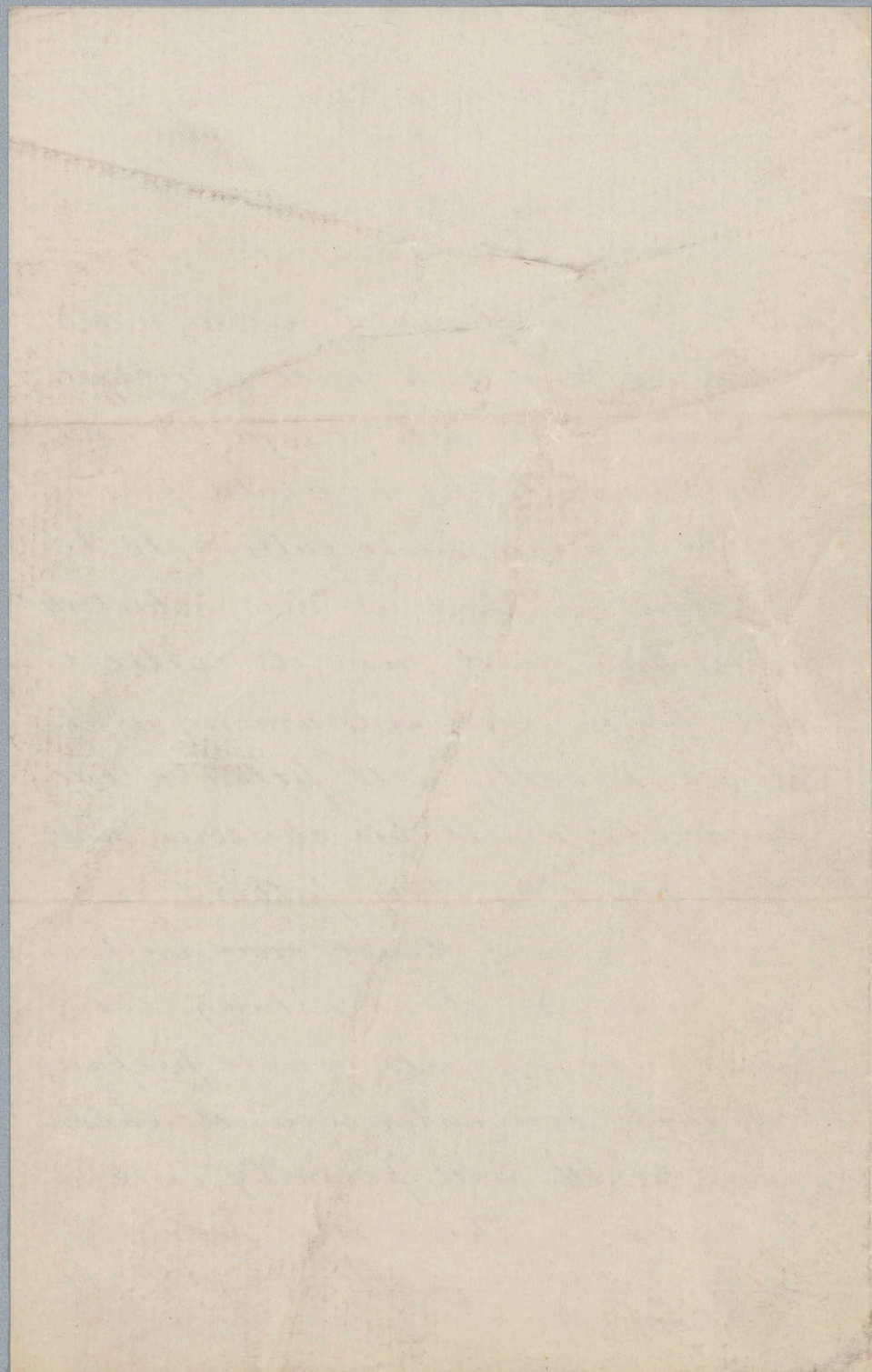
I trust you will not consider it as asking too much to request you to prepare, at your convenience and when your health will permit, such a history. Yours most sincerely  
Albert F. Hall.

No. 3 Cordis St.







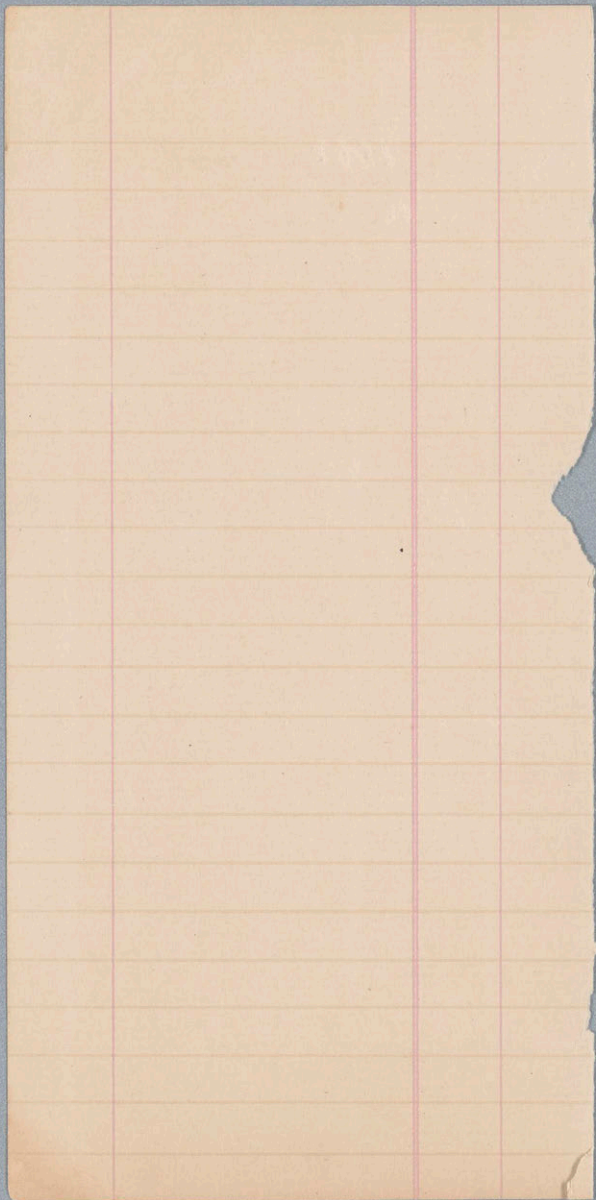


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Jan 5 <sup>1882</sup> - delivered to  
Prof Newcomb - the  
follow'g belong'g to Home Sec 7

- (1). Two Papers of Prof Cope  
intended for Publication -
- (2) Paper of Prof. Loomis -  
read at Home Meeting 1881.  
for publication -
- (3) Printed Proof of Prof.  
Hunt's paper on the  
Domain of Physiology -  
read 1881 For Publ'g.







Dr Prof Newcomb

Dec 5. 1882

I wish to ask you whether I am  
in relation to some points made in the  
Constitution of my forthcoming Report—

1. I have the Copy of Sec 5, Art IV as  
last amended— April 1881, you can readily  
find one of the loose sheets. containing which  
have printed for distribution & given to the meeting
2. You may recollect that at the request of  
Secy Schurz a Com. of Newbury & others  
was appointed to consider & report on the  
question of restoring the former measure of the  
Decl of Independence. The Com. attended  
to this duty & I received in due form  
their Report to M. S. on the 18<sup>th</sup> of Jan  
last 1882

I read a copy of this Report at the  
Washington Meeting last April, & it was  
my impression that I left it along with  
other documents to the Secy of Popl  
Office to be <sup>placed</sup> ~~in the hands~~ <sup>in the hands</sup> of the  
House Secy. But these Minutes  
merely refer to the Report but do not  
contain it. Further can I find a  
copy among my Acad. papers which  
I am very careful to preserve. So  
that unless it will be necessary unless  
Popl Office can find it, to look  
up the original in the Office of the Secy



Of the Interior I shall permit to take  
a copy for our records & for which I  
may send my Report to the Secretary  
Mr. Bell the present object of  
of the Interior shall I believe the less plain  
and just & shortly I would doubt be  
likely to do the deed. The purpose of  
having a copy of the Document left  
for the use

A personal call on Mr. Bell  
would save trouble & delay. If you  
~~shall you think it~~ these  
days are differently, or a copy  
there in this matter, I shall of your  
advice - Write my self to Mr. Bell.

My Report is quite ready except  
the two items.

I am  
Yours faithfully  
WTR.



Jan<sup>y</sup> 24. 1882.

Dear Prof<sup>r</sup> Newcombe

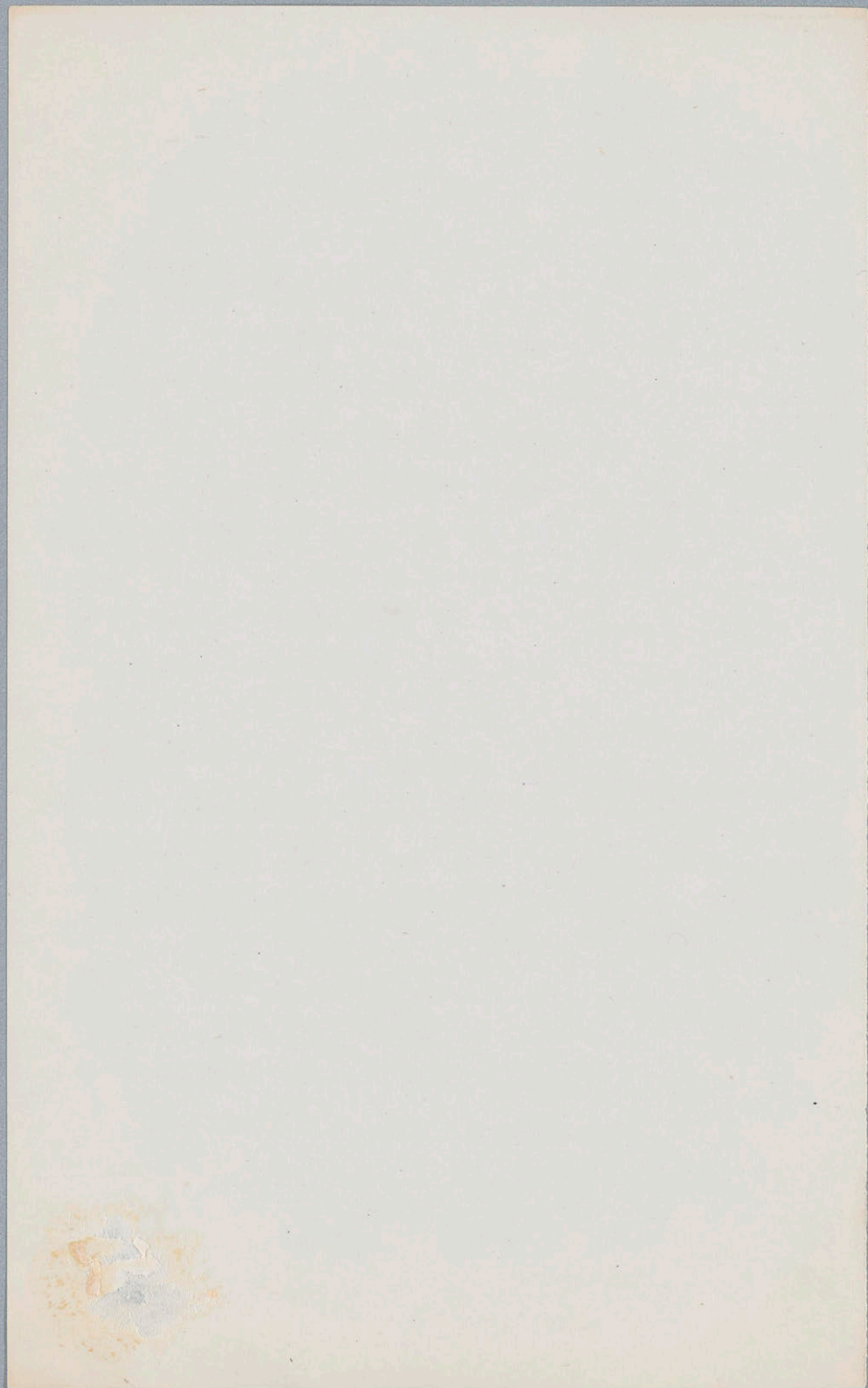
I have been hoping to hear from you in reply to my letter of Jan<sup>y</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> in which I requested that you would send me a copy of Sect: 5 Art: IV of the Constitution of the Academy as last Amended Apr: 1881. & that you would procure for me from the Dept: of the Interior a copy of the Report of the Comm: on the Restoration of the faded Mss of the Declaration of Independence which report I sent to Sect<sup>y</sup> Schurby Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. 1881.

I have postponed sending in my report to Congress in order to include these items & shall be much obliged to you for sending them.

Please refer to my letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst: for a full statement.

Thinking that you would be greatly engrossed with your official work upon getting back to Wash<sup>ton</sup> I have delayed until now this reminder.

I am dear Prof<sup>r</sup> with great regard  
Yours faithfully  
W. H. R.





Prof. Parker  
Electrician.

International Congress of Electricians

United States Delegation

Paris

Philadelphia Jan. 8. 1882

My dear Pres. Rogers:-

According to my  
promise, I send you here-  
with my list of members  
of the National Academy  
present at our meeting  
here in November. I find  
by reference to the original  
paper, that Professor Cope  
entered two titles. But it is  
the first only that I under-  
stand you to ask for. This  
paper is entitled: "On the  
Phenacodontidae, a new group



of *Perissodactyla*". The complete list of papers is published in the American Journal of Science for January.

I wrote to Professor Lilliman on my return here, stating the facts which you gave me. But I have heard nothing farther from him up to the present.

I trust Mrs. Rogers has entirely recovered from her severe cold, and that you are yourself yet on the up grade, and a pretty heavy one.

The death of our dear friend Draper has filled me with sadness. I go over to New York to the funeral on Tuesday.

With the very best wishes  
I am Cordially yours  
George F. Barker.



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[1/8/1882]

G. F. Barker

W. B. Rogers

A. Agassiz

W. Gibbs

O. C. March

F. Rogers

S. P. Langley

J. H. Trumbull

E. D. Cope

C. A. Young

J. A. Genth

E. S. Morse

J. L. Le Conte

S. Weir Mitchell

H. A. Rowland

H. Draper

B. Lilliman

R. E. Rogers

C. Abbe

John Rodger

Theo. Gill

/ F. V. Hayden

/ H. Morton

/ C. F. Chandler

/ H. C. Wood

/ C. S. Peirce

/ J. P. Leelley

/ J. F. Baird

/ R. Pumphelly

/ F. A. Walker





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Follen St. Cambridge,

Jan. 9, 1882.

My dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a note from Mrs. Rogers on Saturday and your own letter of today.

I write at once to beg you not to decline the request that you would serve upon the Committee. We should feel your loss very greatly, and I think that I must have led you to believe that membership meant more onerous service than it really does.

The members of the Committee live so far removed from one an-



other that, as Professor Whitney suggested, it would be difficult for many of them to attend a meeting at any one point, naturally either N.Y. or Boston. He, therefore, proposed that the Memorial mentioned in our resolutions should be drawn up by those of us who live in this immediate vicinity and be sent to the other members of the Committee for revision. It could then be sent to the colleges from Cambridge without further trouble to the Committee as a body. To draw up the Memorial will not, I think, be difficult. And I have ventured

to write to Professor Boston tonight telling him that I will take the first steps toward this and submit my manuscript to him and Professor Hamman, and then, after the corrections and changes which they may suggest have been made, with your permission send it to you. It could then be sent, in print, to the rest of the Committee. That if I had known that you were not well, I should not have proposed to you the labor of joining us in drawing up the Memorial to the College. And if, when the time comes, it is in any way inconvenient for you to read it at your lei-

serve in manuscript, we will not send you that but the printed document later.

But you will pardon me, under the circumstances, for saying that it is all-important to us that we should have the authority of your name in finally addressing the Board of Trustees. Half of the Committee are young men, but the names of the others will have great weight with those to whom we address ourselves.

I beg you not to take the trouble to reply to this letter if the plan which I propose meets with your approval.

I am, my dear Sir,  
very truly yours,

Professor W. B. Rogers.

John Williams White.



x

117 Marlborough St  
Boston Jan 7. 9. 1882

Dear Prof White

I feel sure that I shall  
not be well enough to  
receive the Committee on Friday,  
as suggested in Mr Rogers'  
note of Saturday last.

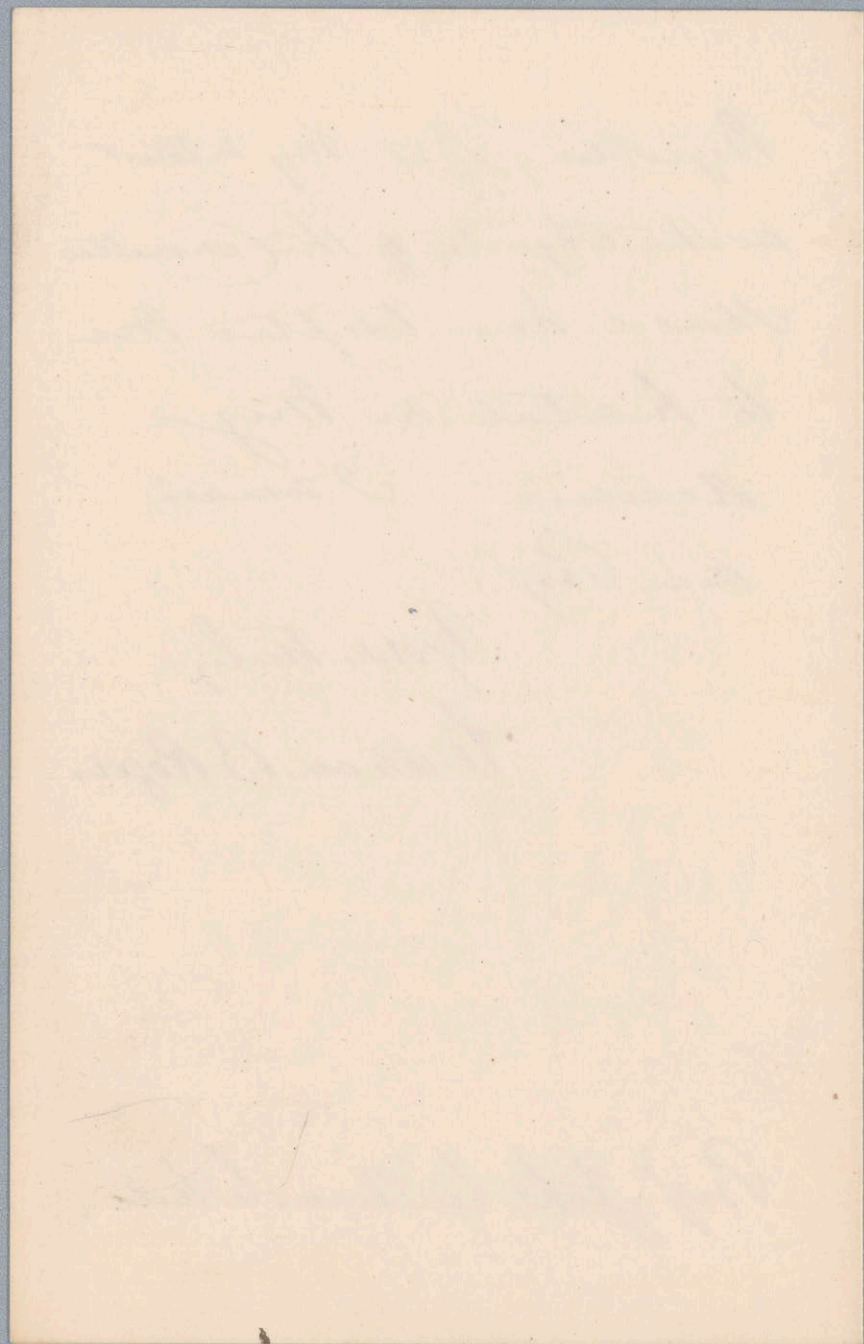
Indeed having no  
assurance that I can be relied  
on for useful service as a  
member of the Committee, I  
have decided I have decided  
that it was proper for me  
to decline the Appointment.

Regretting that my interest  
in the Objects of the Committee  
should have tempted me  
to hesitate in my  
decision, I remain  
Dear Prof.

Yours truly  
William B Rogers

Prof. John Williams White.





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School of Mines, Columbia College,

CORNER 49TH STREET & 4TH AVENUE.

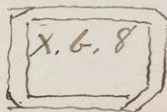
New York, Jan. 13 1882

Prof. M. B. Rogers  
My dear Sir

Some years since  
you were kind enough to  
give me a number of  
fossil plants - from  
Virginia and Pennsylvania

Three from Virginia were  
from the Richmond basin

Two specimens of *Sphenoptera*  
are labelled Vespertine and  
are numbered 13. 114. of the  
specimens sent me, and one  
lacks a label. or gum-tickets



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Can you tell me the  
locality?

Will you also when you  
write inform me if the  
fossil fishes collected by  
you in the Richmond  
Coal field would be  
acceptable to me if at  
some time during the  
winter I should be in  
Boston?

Thank all gentlemen for  
Mrs Rogers & yourself  
I am. Yours Very Truly  
O. S. Newberry  
(Answered Jan. 22. 1881)

Naval Observatory,

Washington, D. C.,

May 13, 1882.

Professor Wm. B. Rogers,  
President of Nat. Academy of Sciences,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

It is desirable to have  
a meeting of the Transit-of-  
Venus Commission, in order  
to decide, as far as we may do  
so, upon the methods and stations  
for observing the coming Transit  
of Venus.

Any general meeting of all  
the proposed members can not



perhaps be had, because  
there are no means of paying  
for traveling expenses, and  
because now is the busy season  
of astronomers; but I am  
in hopes that you may not find  
it too inconvenient to attend.

It is also desirable that this  
meeting shall not be long delayed.

Will you kindly mention whether  
it be possible for you to be  
present - and when it will suit  
you best to come?

With my kindest regards to

Mrs. Rogers,

Very truly yours,

John Rodgers

Admiral Rodger.

Jul. 17<sup>th</sup>. 1882

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst  
did not reach me until yesterday -

and found me shortly receiving from  
an individual whose name has escaped  
me the name for some health -

I regret that I will <sup>therefore</sup> ~~be unable~~  
be one of my pleasure to meet the  
British Commission at any early  
day, & I beg that you will call  
the meeting at such time as the most  
convenient to yourself & the other  
members of the Commission -

Much as I regret this, I am compelled  
to do so. I should have been glad to attend  
if I had been able. I am sorry about it - but  
I could not help but contribute my  
valuable service to the Commission,  
of the ~~other~~ all business who will  
have the subject to hand -

With kindest regards from kind friends  
to Mr. R. & asking you to present my  
regards to Mrs. Rodger I am  
yours faithfully



Jan<sup>y</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Admiral Rodgers

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst did not reach me until yesterday, & found me slowly recovering from an indisposition which has confined me to the house for some weeks.

I regret that it will therefore be out of my power to meet the Transit Committee at any early day & I beg that you will call the meeting at such time as may be most convenient to yourself & the other members of the Com.

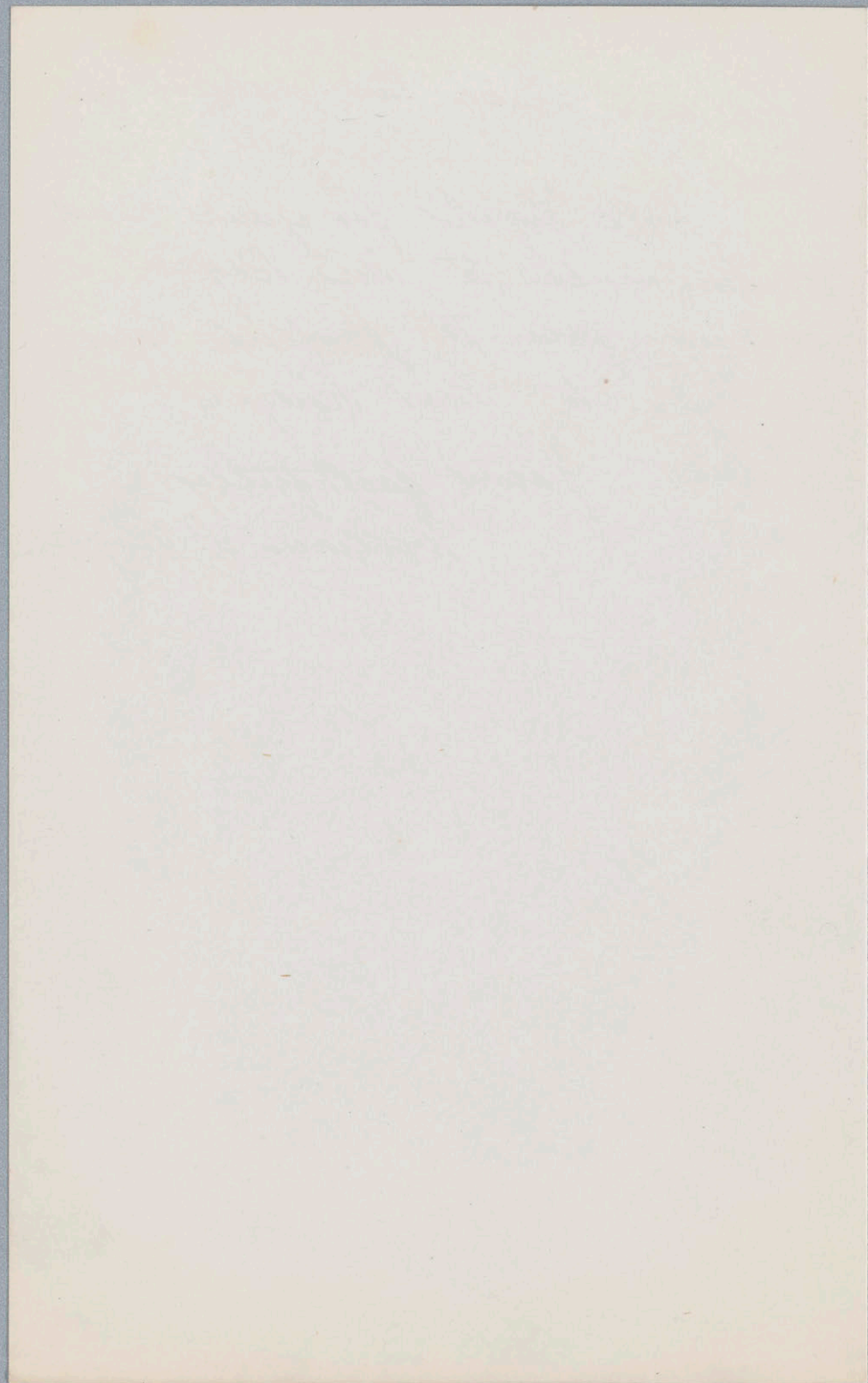
Much as I regret to miss a conference in which I should feel great interest, I am the less concerned at my absence, as I could not hope to contribute any valuable service to the consultations of the able Astronomers

who will have the subject in  
hand

With thanks for your kind  
remembrance to Mrs Rogers &  
asking you to present our  
regards to Mrs Rogers

I am  
Yours faithfully  
William B Rogers.





9 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street

New York. Jan. 23. 1882.

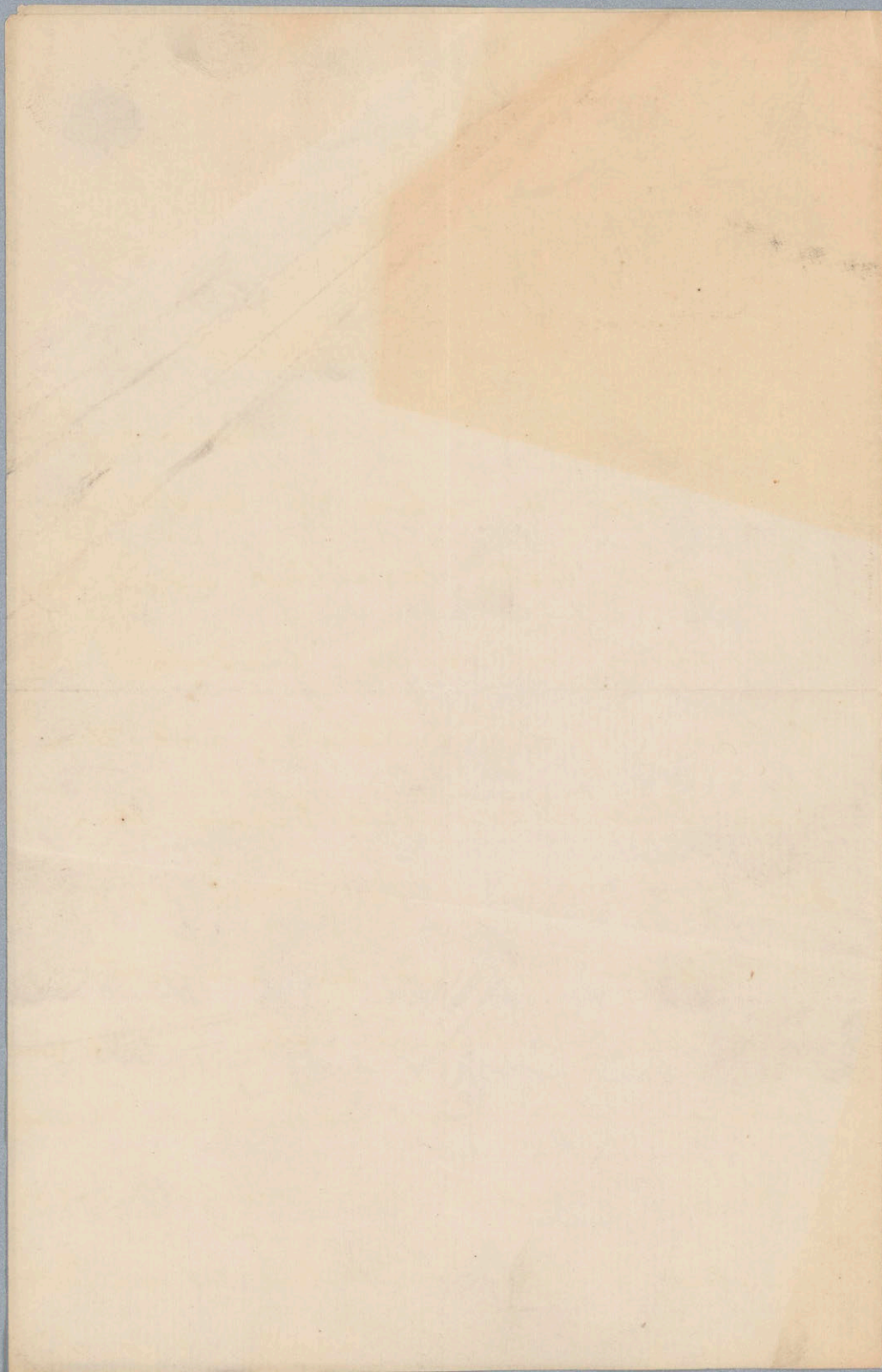
My dear Mr Rogers -

I am much obliged  
to you for obtaining for  
me the draft of the com-  
mittee's report. I will care-  
fully consider it and let  
you know whether on con-  
sideration I have any  
remonstrance to make, or  
any change in my own claims.  
Meanwhile if you will see  
that it is not presented  
to the Corporation until  
you hear again from me  
I shall be much obliged  
to you. Most very truly  
W. R. Ware.











Rock Island Arsenal

Illinois.

Jan. 23<sup>d</sup>

1882

Dear Professor Rogers-

I sent you a few days ago a copy of another Ordnance Note describing some new telemeters or range-finders;—one of them of my devising, and the same that I described before the Society of Arts. The paper will be clearer if read in connection with the Ordnance Note <sup>(No. 134) which</sup> I sent you before. The long paper on telemeters which I read to the Society of Arts is also to be published as an Ordnance Note with plates, but I



may not have enough copies  
to give you one, though I  
shall try to send one through  
you to the Society.

I also send you a paper describing  
a magazine-gun of my invention  
lately tried before the U.S. Board on  
Magazine Guns.

I am glad to have caught  
sight of you before I left  
Boston, for I feared I should  
have to come away without  
it. It was not easy to  
break away from a place  
so attractive, where I have  
so many dear friends; and

this place supplies very few  
of the things I enjoyed there.  
There is a great deal to learn  
here, however, though not much  
to do; but I find much time  
for reading and study, from  
which I intend to profit.  
I am very comfortable here  
indeed, & I am keeping boche-  
lon's hall in a fine large  
house. The arsenal is very  
large, but there only three  
other officers here, and but  
two ladies. The Society, therefore,  
is not very gay, but there  
are I believe many pleasant



people in the cities of Dan-  
port and Rock Island (about  
two miles away on either  
side of the river), and in Sum-  
mer the place here must  
be very lovely. The island is  
three miles long, and as no  
hunting is allowed the thickets  
are full of game. Squirrels abound,  
and they have no fear of man,  
and coveys of quail wander  
through our yards unmolested.

In the Summer, I am told,  
the place is full of birds, and  
I anticipate much enjoyment in  
the midst of so many natural  
attractions.

Just now it is cold and bleak.

Please give my regards to  
Mrs. Rogers (who is I hope much  
better) and my thanks for her  
courtesy to my sister, I believe me  
Yours most affectionately  
A. A. Russell

Nautical Almanac Office.

Bureau of Navigation Navy Department.

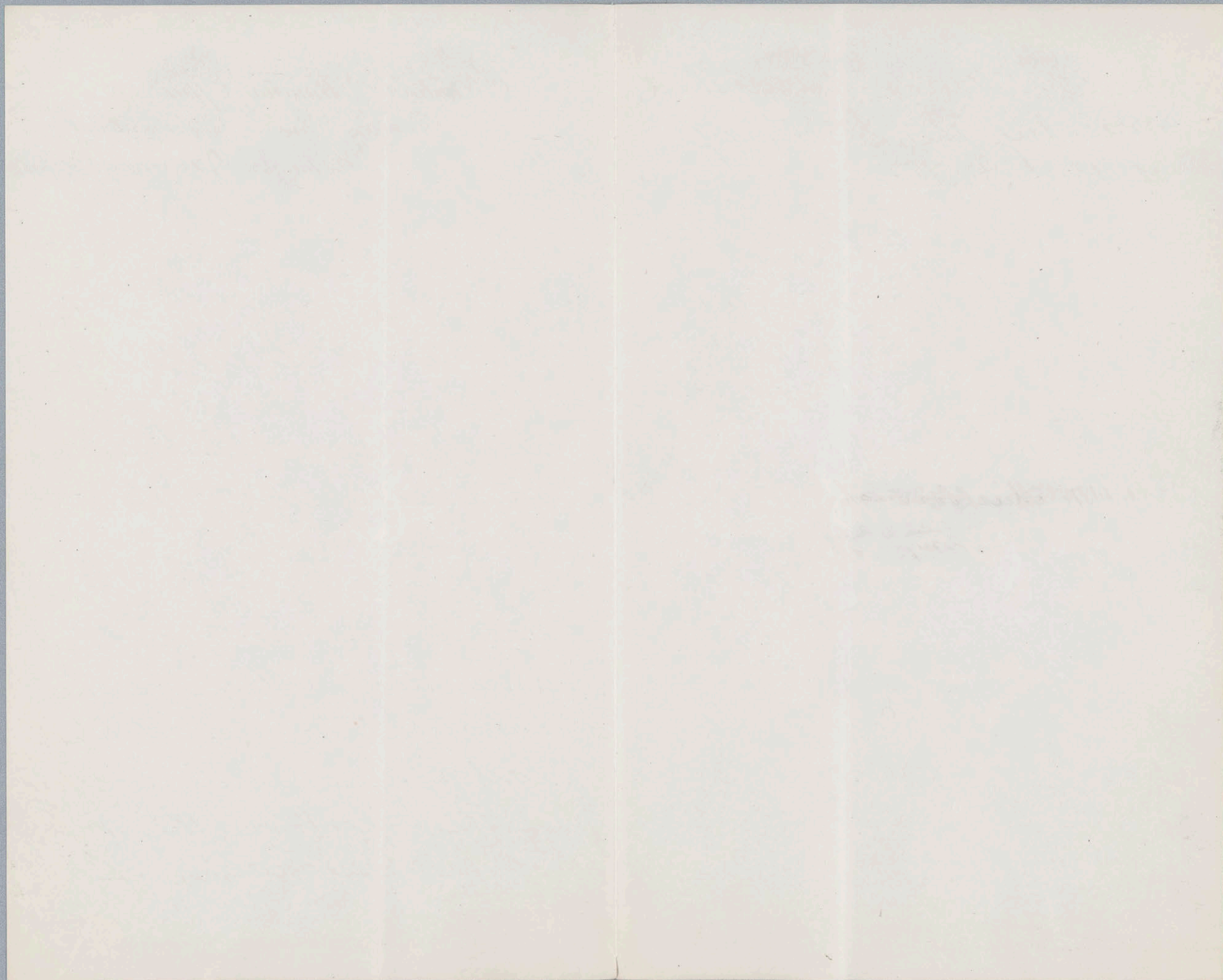
Washington January 25<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Dear Sir:

So many things have claimed my attention since my return that I have delayed sending you the data requested before I left Boston.

I now have the pleasure to inclose you the amended article of the constitution as adopted last spring and a copy of the Report on the mfs. of the Declaration of





Independence furnished  
me by the Secretary  
of the Interior.

Very truly yours  
S. Newcomb

President  
W. B. Rogers,  
No. 117 Marlborough St.  
Boston, Mass.



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Ithaca, N.Y. Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1882 Y

My dear Professor:-

Your note 25<sup>th</sup> Inst. is recd.

The letter of Prof. Crafts was written to Prof. Trichols, not to me,

It contained a hope that at some future time he would be able to resume, at least, some part of his duties; and a postscript stating, that he had not seen the last Catalogue, but had heard that his name had been dropped; in which case, certain articles, published by him during the last year, should be omitted from the list (now being prepared by Prof. Trichols) of work done by those connected with the Institute. This was all. Prof Trichols sent the letter to me.

Aside from any question of Ethics, it seemed to me of importance, in view of the unsettled state of the Chemical Department, that Crafts' connection with the Institute should continue; and that all should be done, on our part, to aid in the fulfillment of the hope expressed.

I believe that in the field of Organic chemistry his name today outranks that of any other American Chemist,

and that if the Chemical Department  
is to have a development correspon-  
ding to the growth of Chemical science  
his cooperation will greatly strengthen  
us.

I therefore showed the letter to  
Pres. Walker, and submitted my  
views. it being understood that I  
stand ready, now as ever, to yield to  
Prof Crafts the whole or any portion  
of the work whenever he is willing  
and able to resume it.

With kindest wishes

Yours very truly

Chas. D. King

Professor W. B. Rogers,  
117 Marlborough St.,  
Boston,  
Mass.



