

P.S. Frontier Dec 8th 1857

Dear Dr

I have had an interview with Maj Emory and am retained by him in the Commission with the promise that I shall have time to collect next summer. Col. Graham takes home my collections. He gives me no assurance of a reservation of any for Dr Short or for myself. I hope you will look out for them and prevent them from falling into the Patent Office. I will make out my list of localities dates notes &c when I have time and shall hold on to it till I have some pledge that I have not labored in vain. The Commission is bankrupt and my hopes of pay from that quarter are very faint which I don't care for if you can save some sets for my benefit. I have been hard at work for the last month & expect to continue at it all winter consequently can do little for the cryptogamists.

If you would make application to the department of the interior in person in my behalf I have no doubt a liberal portion of my collections will be set apart for my benefit. You know my outfit was my own and I rode my own horse and I venture to say that I have been at less expense to the Commission than any member in it of my present rank & have done more labor. Yours C. M.

I have inclosed some fragments of a Myo-
form in Donora however I hope you
will soon get the entire specimen.



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