

Phil^a Mar 10th 1856

Dear Dr. Gray-

Your last letter, saying that I have not sent you plates was rec^d in New York - a day or two after my return a fine printing office was destroyed by fire within 25 feet of ~~the~~ buildings in which I have my rooms, I fell on the ice, & an empty horse carriage, being backed out run over me & lamed my arm so badly that I could not use it until to day; the Captⁿ has been here for some time & said he would write to you -

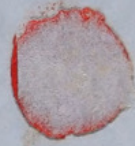
I have been working for some time with our most difficult (the coloring) shell plates, with other duties, but to the neglect however of your plates - all the drawings & that I have now done some time since, I have made Dargol go over nearly all the last 30 or 40 plates - proofs would have been sent you before now, but Dargol has ^{had} no printer at work for ~~the~~ some time, I shall go to Washington in a short time & bring them all to Phil^a if I can do no better, as to the lettering, I can now ~~it~~ ^{do} five plates done while one is printing, I am exceedingly anxious to get my shell book off my hands, & also to complete your atlas - How many more plates are there to be engraved per ~~year~~ ^{the} atlas to your first Volume?

Yours very truly
J. D. Dargol

Had the horse carriage been loaded
my arm & ribs no doubt would have been broken



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