

[1501]
Cambridge Place, Bath
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Dear Professor Huxley

Rather later than I promise
I have to-day sent off to you
a little registered box with
nine molars & other teeth
seven at least belonging to
Microlestes - The one, ~~with~~
No 8, differs from any other
I have found - and may be
new - whilst the incisor No 9
with that appears to be a very
small crown does not I think
belong to Microlestes - all these
are fastened down with gum
which you have only to moisten
in case you want to remove
them for closer examination
Excepting those figured by
Owen and several incisors

These are all I have - But
I have a portion of a jaw,
with a small bit of cranium
attached which clearly indicates
another Rhatic genus - of larger
size than M. Moorei - too frag-
mentary for any determination
Although I have reason to
be thankful for the success I
have had in palaeontological
development I am still in-
clined to envy you in the
wonderful organisations you
are bringing to light, and
to wonder that whilst nature
has been so lavish with
you whilst we have been
on the same horizon, it
has almost left us without
witness of their presence -
I do not know the

condition in which your
remains of birds are found,
how far perfect or otherwise,
but if the former I should
much like to try the
experiment of extracting
some of the feathers from
the stone itself - If any
are present I think I can
do this, and all I should
need for a trial would
be some glass, from
or as near to as might
be, the laminae of stone
on which the skeleton
lay - Feathers and hair
are all but indestructible
a few small bits that
might come by post would
possibly give me some
evidence.

I hope to hear my
little box they
reached you safely
with best wishes

Yours faithfully
E. Moore
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