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Dear Dr. Taylor:

To show you what has been done with the photographs of *Exogyra imbricata* Krauss from South Africa, I am enclosing the preliminary copy of Fig. HS 171, which is to be included in the Treatise volume. You will recognize that good use has been made of the photographs you so kindly furnished.

Now, I am in need of some additional photographs of two species of oysters. The first is Gryphaea bilobata J. de C. Sowerby, 1840, from the Kellaways Rock of England, which I have been unable to find well illustrated in the literature. I shall need this species or good photographs of it, in order to establish a new subgenus.

The second species is Gryphaeostrea eversa (Melleville, 1843) from the Thanetian of France. Although this species is well represented in European collections, I have been unable to obtain specimens or photographs. It is sometimes called Exogyra eversa, but is the type species of Gryphaeostrea Conrad.

Superficially it may seem our correspondence is a one-way affair with all the benefits accruing to me. However, in the past I have furnished some very good material to the British Museum, some of which has become type material. T. H. Withers has received some fine goose-neck barnacle material from me and described it in several publications, compare his Catalogue of fossil Cirripedia, v. 3, pl. 22, fig. 9-10 and p. 320.

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The fossil peduncle plates which I sent to Dr. Withers were at first returned by him with the remark that they were not parts of barnacles at all, but before I received the return shipment he wrote again recalling them. He had by then discovered that my preliminary guess was correct. It was a rather unusual situation.

With appreciation for your help,

Sincerely yours,

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