the specimens of rock box have yet appeared. It may be in Hamburgh and I will write to Mr Schlesinger tomorrow about. I have had a letter from Forbes who was well as also his wife & little daughter. A few days since I bought an excellent set of crystall models cut out of hard wood very neatly & sharply they are cheap here and facilitate my studies extremely. You know I was very busy with crystallography before leaving home. I hope at some future time to be rich enough to purchase one of the splendid goniometers which are made here by Babbage and which cost £100. Of course I have no idea of going to any such expence while abroad but I can hereafter send out. I wish you could get the workmanship of Watts instruments. His balance is admirable in all respects. Here are great facilities here for exchanging minerals and Krantz the chief mineral dealer is very anxious for American minerals. He is honest and will make good exchanges. Boxes are under any exchanges. Still if you should chance to receive a box which contains good specimens you can send it direct to Krantz whose direction I will send you hereafter. The royal collection of minerals here is very fine and I think of taking a course on mineralogy mineralogy in the spring & summer. I shall remain in the Rose certainly till the 1st August. He has not begun his book yet as far at least as I know but has promised me the sheets as they are ready, which as the Germans write a sheet at a time will give me time enough to be ready with the translation as soon as the German edition appears. I shall be glad to see your book in print at last. Don't you exclaim "flattered by his brilliant commendations". You can send me Silliman's Journal most cheaply by way of Hamburgh but if you do so ask Mr Schlesinger to ask his brother in Hamburgh to forward to me directly by post. The micas safely arrived in safety but the instrument maker who offered to put new lenses to it has unfortunately committed suicide since I saw him in the spring. I shall leave the instrument however to solicit the first Micros cope maker here. He says however that the glass is not plenty enough for the high powers and that the rearranging of the whole would cost more than a new instrument. So the matter must rest. The microscopes made here are equal to Chevalier's and much cheaper the best costing but £20 Sterling or $146. This you can mention to any young doctors who intends purchasing this instrument. I will look about for old books relating to America for you but my bookseller tells me that they bear enormous prices here and are very scarce. I will write to you before buying to any amounts. Some German has already commenced translating Mrs Caudle's lectures which disfigurements only philanthropy & piety. So Caudle has married Miss Pettyman! W. H. C.'s notion that the natural evolution of mankind is at once so mightily. He has always been the Antipodes of fat himself and must have a painful consciousness of his great distance from perfection. I wrote a long letter to Lowe by the last steamer, by the cover of your letter I see to this is written "Paid to destination" this cannot be a fact because I always pay on 16 cts on Saunders letters which is the postage from Boston here, therefore he cannot have made arrangements to transmit letters thro' whole distances free but only as far as Boston. The same is the case with Whitneys letters. However continue to pay all postages to Saunders as I pay 5 times as much when letters come any other way. I pay 60 cts on my letter to you which they tell me here is through to New York - is this so? or do you have to pay in addition? Remember me to the doctors and to friends and acquaintances generally. Yours Wolcott