

Department of Comparative Anatomy,  
The Museum,  
Oxford.

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 1878

My dear Spencer

I have not yet  
written to thank you  
for the skins of  
mammals & lizards  
you lately sent to  
me.

The skin which is  
labelled *Comitatus*  
*pedunculatus* - is  
not the skin of that  
animal but of

Smithtopsis formosus  
-philus. The Comites  
would be interesting  
for our collection  
as an Australian  
rodent - and as you  
intended to send one  
I hope you will  
be able to do so.

I have just put  
up your certificate  
for the FMS - it is  
signed by Sedgwick,  
Salter, Flower, myself  
& others. Weldon &  
Coulton are on the  
Council this year &  
so can not sign -

I hope you will come  
in either this time or  
next.

By the bye I should  
like to have specimens  
of your new family  
of Hydroids for the  
Museum -

I meant to have written  
at greater length -  
but am now in a  
hurry for a train.  
It is a long time since  
I heard from you.  
Shall you not be soon  
coming home for a  
visit? Sincerely yours  
May Lancaster.