

Dyke

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Please accept my hearty thanks for your
sketch of the locality where you are stationed.
There are many interesting questions connected with
it & every other part of the country which if
our other duties would allow we would have
much pleasure in investigating. How different
from what it once was & how pleasant
when noble rivers everywhere rolled on their
waters to the sea or inland lakes. Last years I
followed the course of one for nearly 40 miles.
It must have been a spacious marshy plain
part of which with a lake I discovered
what might have been expected, a mass
of fluvial deposit, consisting of soft
mud consolidated & containing a heap of
fossils in a beautiful state of preservation.
They were standing out on the face of the rock
in relief & the teeth of the animal (apparently
a kind of large antelope) were so perfect one
could hardly conceive they were from stone.
The serrated structure of the enamel was quite
apparent when broken & the little surface
for the transmission of the nerve also showed
was perfectly perfect even the taste on
the outside which in ^{herbivorous} animals is usually dark
coloured was as natural as in the recent.
Subjects, Mr & Mrs Lamine's affectionate regards
Dear John