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I have read your last paper
from the Chemical News with care
& shall do so again, before I rewrite my
discussion on that subject which I endeavoured
to improve in my 32^d & 33^d chapters of
my last or 10th Edition, in wh^{ch} you will see
that I have no objection to reservoirs as
large as the Atlantic & Pacific Oceans
distributed at different depths, & consequently
that the thinness of the crust over enormous
areas does not at all disturb me, but for
reasons I have endeavoured to set forth, ~~if~~
I consider that whatever may have been
the history of the first formation of the crust
& of the Planck - our geological observations
do not reach back to such beginning of
things. Nor to the first seas & the original
atmosphere. I like to read your chemical
speculations on these matters & they seem

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Norwich. 3 July 1854

My dear hi Charles,

Your note did not reach
Mark Lane until after I had
left. I shall be in town in a
day or two, but write now to
answer your question about the
sand pits on the Esamp.^s of the
M. Downs. I draw attention
to the fact in my paper read in
March in acct. of its importance
in showing us how very recent
a date the last & most important
denudation of the level took
place. The section I gave
agrees with your sketch.

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Tuesday

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My dear Mr Charles,

Thanks for the
account of your
Abbeville proceedings.
The implement question
is I think now as
clear ~~to~~ as at
Amiens. On my
1st visit I ^{myself} got 3
pieces or flakes from
the flint bed under the