

June 5th (1874)

Charles Darwin

Down,
Beckenham, Kent.

Dear Sir

I thank you for your extremely
kind letter. The facts which you
relate are extremely curious &
interesting; but I doubt whether
I shall ever have time to
enter more closely into the
"philosophical" subject of the intellect
of animals.

It may be too wild and
pious & interest in nature

than to see your country,
now is quite a distance

to be so much greater;
but my health has been
for a long time bad, &
I am quite incapable

of so great an exertion as
crossing the Atlantic. -
With my thanks, I remain

Dear Sir, yours faithfully

Charles Darwin