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Letters from Charles Darwin in the possession of Norwich Castle Museum

1. 16 letters from Charles Darwin to Robert Fitch, Norfolk geologist and antiquary. The letters are written from Down, some are dated, mostly 1850. The letters are all concerned with the loan of Fitch's specimens of chalk cirripedes to Darwin who was at that time preparing monographs on barnacles for the Ray Society and the Palaeontographical Society. A number of Robert Fitch's specimens (now in the collections of Norwich Castle Museum) were figured by James de C. Sowerby and published in Darwin's Fossil Lepadidae, Palaeontographical Society, 1851.

One letter from Charles Darwin to Sir William Jackson Hooker, dated 1845.

- 2. None of the letters have been published.
- 3. No copies held.
- 4. Reasonable access on application.
- 5. No published guides or catalogues describing the material.