



Printed Books & Maps, Travel & Exploration, Early Geology, Charles Darwin & Fossils (APR19)

Wed, 10th Apr 2019

Viewing:

Tuesday 9 April 2019 from 9.00am to 6.00pm and on the morning of the sale from 9.00am onward.

Lot 138

Estimate: £15000 - £20000 + Fees

Darwin (Charles Robert, 1809-1882).

Darwin (Charles Robert, 1809-1882). A series of 16 autograph letters signed, all but one Down, Bromley, Kent, 9 December 1857 to 16 November 1866, all addressed to John Higgins, all in acknowledgement and thanks for rent money collected and placed to his account (at the Union Bank), one letter written from Ilkley Wells House, Yorkshire, (4 December 1859), one letter signed 'Charles Darwin', (22 June 1860), the others all signed 'Ch. Darwin' or 'Ch. R. Darwin', eight letters on Down printed letterhead, one letter two pages (1 June 1862) and the remainder all one page including last incomplete letter (16 November 1866) with final page present only, **together with five further letters** signed from Charles Darwin, 21 November 1865 to 27 May 1869, all in his wife Emma's hand and signed either 'Ch. Darwin' or 'Ch. R. Darwin', all similarly to John Higgins in acknowledgement and thanks for payments placed to his account at Union Bank, two on Down printed letterhead, one letter two pages (14 May 1866), the others one page, a few slight creases and marginal splits, two letters (31 May & 1 December 1864) slightly dust-soiled and more heavily creased with small blank paper loss to lower right corners, final letter (27 May 1869) heavily spotted, all signed by Charles Darwin across affixed one penny duty stamp at foot of letters, except the first autograph letter (9 December 1857) signed across duty stamp at head of letter and again below sentiment at foot of letter, all 8vo (one autograph letter oblong 8vo), together with two invoices for timber made out to John Higgins of Alford, [Lincolnshire], from Bennetts, Wilkinson & Stephenson, dated at Grimsby, 17 February 1858 & 21 June 1861, both one page, 4to, plus a manuscript letter receipt addressed to John Higgins of Alford, June 1855, for money received by Sir J. Goodricke Bart., one page, 8vo

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