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H.Falconer to J.Prestwich

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My dear Prestwich,- In a quarry due south of the cave we are working, but separated from it by about 30 or 40 yards, there is a continuation of the southern termination of the Windmill 'Rea' Tunnel, and the owner of it offered it to Pengelly to be worked, for £5. down, with no further claim.

This is the matter which Pengelly now refers for the decision of the committee.

In my view, we have quite enough with <sup>in</sup>our own domain and if somebody else, say Mr. Vivian, takes up the working of the southern continuation, I see no harm in it. The very circumstance of a little opposition working, may relieve us from any approach to interference. What say you? I enclose Pengelly's note, but let it go no further than perusal by yourself, as he enjoins strict confidence, and please return it to me.

By chance I went to the Royal Society today, and the clerk Mr. White told me that there would be a meeting of the Grant Committee this month, and that the subject of fresh donations could not be entertained.

In this case, I think we ought without delay, to assemble a meeting of the ~~committee~~ committee and catch what member we can.

Yours very truly H.Falconer.