New Orleans, August 7th, 1862.

To Professor D.C. March,
S.C. College, &c.,

Gentlemen,

Let me take the liberty to inform you of the arrival of a most splendid collection of Ancient, Modern, coin, medals, tokens, &c., etc., from Old Bithigas (Mithridates, illustrating), these coins, medals, etc., are in a beautiful state of preservation and are collected by one skilled in the science, and for in lieu of different items, one fifty-cent, from one standard, to fifteen hundred dollars each, in gold. My circumstances led me to offer them to the State of Louisiana for twenty thousand, from which the committee reported most favorably. Recommending the State to keep them for the public institutions; the State passed the second reading, and contain with the unfinished cabinets. I have made several efforts to offer them to the State, hoping to succeed. I hope to take the interest for your castle and justly celebrated college to own this rare Mithridate collection of coins, medals, library, books, etc., in Greek, Roman, foreign languages, original, Norman, Danish, Dayton King, for some American money before Washington was made.
President: They Number Seventeen Hundred Fifty-three. In Copper, Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Metal. They were given to me as once any Husband's Property by the Wife Brother Lord, the Jewels by the Husband being a High Member of that Profession. They are Valued by Several Judges in London for their Numismatic History and Beauty. To fetch forty thousand dollars. As Addison says, a Penny of fifteen hundred Years ago will fetch from fifty to a hundred Guineas. Some positive interest would confer a Kindness by Thinking of the Case Advantage to Obtain for this Country this Collection. As to perhaps acquiring any thing on this Continent and it will Answer the a Special Request to Fund of them in any of the American Institutions: "Very Respectfully"

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Letters addressed to me

[Address]

S. Orleans, come July 24th