Kewangan Down Dec 27 1854
My Dear Sir

I write you some time ago in regard to a fossil chine, of the Sauvius family (or gigantic lizard), which I sent to Professor Leake of Phila. but he refuses to take it according to contract and I am now convinced that she intended from the first start to shrivel the one out of it all together. you will see that you would take the fossil in exp charges are not even fifteen dollars. The exp charges now at Phila. is nineteen dollars and eighty five cents and extra charges to Washington will be three dollars.
and about fifty or seventy end making in all about twenty
three dollars so that you see
the amount is over fifteen and
as I am in my limited means
hence I am unable to loose so
much as pay out any more on
that fossil after it has cost me
so much
and now will you be kind
enough and write me immediately
and let me know if you can
do any better than the fifteen
and what is the best you can
do I will lend it to you
as soon as I hear from you
if you think you can pay
the charge
I D hope offered one fifty
dollars for it which was the least
I sent it to him
I will send you a Stereoscopic
View of the Fossil Lizard with
other bones of that family
which comprises the Collection
of which I have just been speaking
that is now in the Adams Jeff
office at Phila.
Please write me as soon as
possible as they will not hold
the boxes much longer.
Yours Respic
R. F. Dahlberg