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My dear Sir,

Hearing that you were desirous of adding to your already large Ethnological Collection, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject. I have devoted some twenty-five years to the investigating the mounds, and burial relics, during which time I have caused to be opened upwards of the thousand of these structures. My explorations has embraced the South and Southern States, as far as the borders between Texas and Missouri, with the intent of publishing a work on the Stone and Terra cotta figures. My collection contains upwards of twenty-five hundred specimens, with their true history, as far as could be learned from their mode of burial.

I believe I am the only person who has thoroughly investigated those large structures in Mississippi and Louisiana, and obtained parts as to age, that will stimulate the workers on Ethnology. Many of my specimens are unique, and reveal the idea that held the whole matter of puzzling the Spencer. I have carvings in both sandstone and Jasper; illustrations of graves I have noted every thing有趣 in their several minutiae, and am engaged in writing up my notes for publication, which I have nearly completed.

A work of such extent I fear is out of the power of individual enterprise, unless I part with some of my collections Ethnology, and the Natural Sciences. The greater portion of my relics are already copyrighted and ready for the artist. The Ethnological Collection consists of the branches of the Natchez, Creek, Tuscarora, and Alabama; probably the only collection in existence of
communication with me for some time and are very anxious to secure any Ethnological collections to that Institution, but they say they have no funds at present, and propose action upon application from Congress. But this will necessarily cause considerable delay. I desire to get my reports out if possible for the Continental and must have immediate funds to do so. I am in as great a need, except I despair at a certain degree, than I saw to give them the preference if it goes beyond what figures it will be told. We contemplated in Europe and I have been revising parties to come on, but they have not kept their promise, hence I shall hold it to the point purely that except my terms. When I have an interview with you perhaps you can propose the best manner in getting out. My work and my collection are strictly all but having desirable Specimens. The Skeletons of the Magulians, also the欧阳 American Giants and two new Species of Roses, described by Dr. Lady, At the Academy of Sciences and the collection of Plants and both of the Mus. London, some 20 Species belong to one, which if they do not buy them they are for sale.

Believe Me to be Yours Most Rapt

Wm. I. Stevenson

[Signature]
MELANIA.
1 Melania canaliculata, Say.
2 Melania conica, Say.
3 Melania depygis, Say.
4 Melania Kirtlandiana, Lea.
5 Melania excurata, Conrad.
6 Melania gracilis, Anthony.
7 Melania Sayii, Wood.
8 Melania undulata, Say.
9 Melania varicosa, Ward.

CYCLAS.
1 Cyclas dubia, Say.
2 Cyclas partumeia, Say.
3 Cyclas similis, Say.
4 Cyclas rhomboidea, Say.

UNIO.
1 Unio alatus, Say.
2 Unio abruptus, Say.
3 Unio anodontoides, Lea.
4 Union arctior, Lea.
5 Unio asperrimus, Lea.
6 Unio Æsopus, Green.
7 Unio crassus, Say.
8 Unio cicatricosus, Say.
9 Unio cylindricus, Say.
10 Unio circulus, Lea.
11 Unio compressus, Lea.
12 Unio coccineus, Lea.
13 Unio Cooperianus, Lea.
14 Unio clavus, Lam.
15 Unio cuneatus, Barnes.
16 Unio cornutus, Barnes.
17 Unio dehiscens, Say.
18 Unio ebenus, Lea.
19 Unio elegans, Lea.
20 Unio ellipsis, Lea.
21 Unio fabalis, Lea.
22 Unio formosus, Lea.
23 Unio foliatus, Hildreth.
24 Unio fragosa, Conrad.
25 Unio gibbosus, Barnes.
26 Unio gracilis, Barnes.
27 Unio Graniferus, Lea.
28 Unio glans, Lea.
29 Unio Hildrethianus, Lea.
30 Unio heros, Say.
31 Unio irratus, Lea.
32 Unio iris, Lea.
33 Unio lavissimus, Lea.
34 Unio lachrymosus, Lea.
35 Unio multiradiatus, Lea.
36 Unio metanevra, Raf.
37 Unio monodontus, Say.
38 Unio nasutus, Say.
39 Unio occidentis, Lea.
40 Unio Ovatus, Say.
41 Unio pustulosus, Lea.
42 Unio perplexus, Lea.
43 Unio pyramidatus, Lea.
44 Unio pustulatus, Lea.
45 Unio pileus, Lea.
46 Unio phaseolus, Hildreth.
47 Unio parvus, Barnes.
48 Unio personatus, Say.
49 Unio plicatus, Say.
50 Unio politus, Say.
51 Unio ridibundus, Say.
52 Unio rectus, Lam.
53 Unio rangianus, Lea.
54 Unio rubiginosus, Lea.
55 Unio subovatus, Lea.
56 Unio Schoeleraeensis, Lea.
57 Unio securis, Lea.
58 Unio sulcatus, Lea.
59 Unio siliquoides, Barnes.
60 Unio Sayii, Ward.
61 Unio triangularis, Barnes.
62 Unio tuberculatus, Barnes.
63 Unio torsa, Raf.
64 Unio trigonis, Lea.
65 Unio tenuissimus, Lea.
66 Unio undatus, Barnes.
67 Unio verrucosus, Barnes.
68 Unio zigzag, Lea.

ALASMODONTA.
1 Alasmodonta ambiguæ, Say.
2 Alasmodonta calceola, Lea.
3 Alasmodonta deltoidea, Lea.
4 Alasmodonta complanata, Lea.
5 Alasmodonta rugosa, Lea.
6 Alasmodonta truncata, Say.

ANODONTA.
1 Anodonta edentula, Say.
2 Anodonta Ferrusaciana, Lea.
3 Anodonta Wardiana, Lea.
4 Anodonta plana, Lea.
5 Anodonta pavonia, Lea.
6 Anodonta imbekilis, Say.