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New Orleans August 7th 1869.

To Professor O. C. Marsh.

Yale College N. H. C.

Gentleman, Sir.

I permit me to inform
You, I Don, and desire to sell, my very splendid
Rare & Valuable Collection, of Ancient, & Modern,
Coins, Medals, Tokens, rare Old Books, also Tardiers,
Illustrating, these Coins, Medals & Tokens they are in
a beautiful state of preservation, and were
collected by one skilled in the science of said
for in gold: At different times, one fifty
cost from one standard, to fifteen hundred
dollars each, in gold: My circumstances obliged
me to offer them to the State of Louisiana for
Twenty Thousand Green Backs: The Committee
reported most flatteringly, recommended the
State to buy them for her Public Institutions:
The Bill passed the second reading: and
remains with the unfinished business &c.
I have made several efforts to offer them to the
noble spirit, and generous heart, Rich M. Patrodry
without success: I hope you will take the
interest for your noble and justly celebrated
College to own this, rare "Medallic History" in Coins,
Medals, Tokens Books &c. In Greek, Roman, Saxon,
English, Colonial, Norman, Danish, Saxon Kings, few
Rare American Pennies, before Washington was made

President: They number ^{Forty} hundred
I fifty three. In Copper, Bronze, Silver,
Gold, & Metal. They were given to
me as once my husband's property:
by the noble Brotherhood, the Freemasons
my husband being a high member of that
fraternity: They are valued by Skilful
judges in London for their Numismatic
History and Rarity, to fetch fifty thousand
dollars: As Addison says a Penny of
fifteen hundred years ago, will fetch from
fifty crowns, to a hundred Guineas.

None polite interest would
confer a kindness by thinking of this
rare chance to obtain for this Country
this collection: as to perhaps Superior to any
thing on this Continent and it will under
me a special kindness, to find a purchaser:
in any of the American Institutions:

Very Respectfully

Yours
Andrew R. N. Chittin

Letter addressed to me

Rampart & Louisiana St.

at Orleans come safely to hand.