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Antiquities for Yale

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175 East 82<sup>d</sup> St

New York July 19<sup>th</sup>

Prof. Marsh

1875

Dear Sir:

At the time I sold my Mound Collection to Mr. Blackmore of Eng. Prof. Henry urged me to take moulds of many of the unique specimens -

Following his advice I had one hundred made - one half of which represent those wonderful sculptured pipes from the mounds of Ohio. These pipes exhibit the highest skill in the working of stone ever obtained by the Mound Builders.

I have had ~~but~~ five  
sets cast and colored in  
close resemblance to the origin-  
als. These sets are distributed  
as follows: To the Smithsonian  
Inst. — Peabody Inst. Cambridge  
— State Cabinet of Ohio — Amer-  
ican Museum Nat. History  
New York — each one — and  
one still in my hands.

I address you at the  
suggestion of Dr. Jared Smith  
who proposes that he and  
others of the Alumni of Yale  
— in New York — shall pur-  
chase and present this  
remaining set to the Col-  
lege if you will write and  
signify that it would prove  
acceptable.

Respectfully  
Yours &c.

G. H. Davis

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Tuesday July 20: '75

Prof. Marsh

Dear Sir:

Finding from the morning papers that you are now in this City I will submit the substance of a letter which I yesterday forwarded to your New Haven address - in regard to a proposed donation to Yale College -

At the time of the sale of my "Mound Collection" to the Salisbury Museum in Eng. Prof. Henry of the Smithsonian Inst<sup>n</sup> urged me to take moulds of most of the unique specimens - I followed his advice and had one hundred made; half of which represent the rare & wonderful Sculp-

tured pipes from the mounds of Ohio - These pipes exhibit the highest skill in the working of stone ever attained by the Mound builders. I have had five sets of casts made from these moulds - one of which remains in my hands the others being distributed respectively to the Smithsonian Inst<sup>n</sup> Wash ington - The Peabody Inst. Cam bridge - State Cabinet of Ohio - and The Am. Museum of Nat ural History N. York

I address you on the subject at the suggestion of Dr. Jared Smily (of 22 Lafayette St.) who proposes that he and others of the Alumni of Yale in New York should purchase the remaining set and present it to Yale College if you will signify

in writing that it would be acceptable -

Most respectfully

Yours  
E. H. Davis,

175 East 82<sup>d</sup> St  
New York

P.S. An early reply - addressed to Dr. Smily or myself will  
Much obliged

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Recd Dec 1/77

175 East 82<sup>nd</sup>. St  
N. Y. C. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>/77.

Mr. C. H. Farnam,

Dear Sir,

My friend  
Dr. Linsly has requested me to  
report progress on the subject of a  
set of Casts of Mound pipes &c.  
intended for your institution.

In my former correspondence with Prof.  
Marsh, I informed him that Dr. L.  
proposed to get the Alumni association  
here to purchase a set for your Archaeological  
department. After some delay it was  
suggested to the Doctor, that he had  
better take the whole matter upon  
himself, and he has kindly consented  
to do so, presenting it in the name  
of his son Wilford Linsly the artist.

The Doctor wishes me to inform you when I will be able to send them, I think not before the middle of next month, as some of the pieces have yet to be cast and colored. He also thinks I should make you a visit at the same time, which I shall be happy to do if I can make it convenient. I should like very much to see your collections.

Please present my respects to Prof. Marsh. Hoping to hear from you again, I remain,

Most respectfully,  
Yours &c.  
E. H. Davis