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Cambridge Dec 12th 1866.

Dear Sir.

At the suggestion of our mutual friend Prof Gray I take the liberty of addressing you in relation to the objects of the accompanying circular. We thought it probable that there might be in St Louis opportunities for obtaining implements ancient or modern, works part of the Indians & that possibly you might inform us where & how they might be obtained. If not to be had in St Louis that you might inform us of persons in communication with the Indian territories who might be applied to to help us in making our collections.



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which last of present with ~~from~~
chiefly occupy us. We shall have
some funds to spend in this way.

Hoping that you may without
inconvenience to yourself be able to
give us some information which may
put us in the way of obtaining some
of the objects we wish.

With great respect

Truly yours

J. Wiggins

Dr. George Engelmann

St Louis,



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PEABODY MUSEUM

OF

AMERICAN ARCHÆOLOGY AND ETHNOLOGY.

• THROUGH the munificence of Mr. GEORGE PEABODY, of London, a Museum of American Archæology and Ethnology has been established in connection with Harvard College. In carrying out the wishes of the Founder it is intended to bring together all objects illustrative of or bearing upon the origin, early history, manners and customs and progress towards civilization of the aboriginal races of North and South America. In furthering the objects of the above foundation, the undersigned, the Executive Committee in behalf of the Board of Trustees are desirous of obtaining any of the following articles:—

1. Implements of stone, such as axes, gouges, chisels, clubs, pestles, sinkers, tomahawks, mortars, arrow-heads, spear-heads, &c.
2. Articles of earthen-ware, such as vases, pots, pipes, bowls, or images of any kind.
3. Bows, arrows, quivers, spears, rattles, drums, shields, snowshoes, knives, lodges, medicine bags, tobacco pouches, cooking utensils, articles of dress, either of purely aboriginal make, or such as show the gradual contact of the savage and European races.
4. Mummies, skeletons or parts of skeletons of any of the North or South American races. Of the parts of skeletons, the skulls are always of great importance, and the long bones of the limbs, and the hip bones are of much value.
5. Antiquities in the form of images or other sculptures, or the casts of them, from Peru, Mexico, Chili, or Central America.



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6. Any articles made by or relating to the Esquimaux, and the Fuegians or the Patagonians.

It is within the plan of the founder to make collections relating to the Archæology and Ethnology of other aboriginal races, especially of such articles as have a bearing upon or help to illustrate the history of the American races. The trustees are therefore desirous of obtaining crania, skeletons or parts of skeletons, weapons and implements of all kinds, pottery, or any other articles of aboriginal make, from any portion of the world, also drawings or casts of them which may serve to show the differences or resemblances between the various human races in their earliest stages of existence.

ROBERT C. WINTHROP.

ASA GRAY.

JEFFRIES WYMAN.

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