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Washington D.C. Dec. 21, 1872.

My dear Mr. Ames.

Centuries ago, if not still earlier, you promised us a good series of Specimens from your emery mine to place in the Mineralogical Museum of the Smithsonian Institution. We are now about occupying our new Mineralogical room, which consists of the old Library fitted up very handsomely for that purpose, & wish to make the exhibition as complete as we possibly can. If, therefore, you can send us a choice series of emery Specimens, including some of gigantic size, to match our other show-rocks, you will oblige us very much. Any other Minerals we shall be glad to have, but are particularly desirous of having the emery.

Very truly yours.

Spencer T. Baird

James T. Ames Esq.

Chicopee, Fall
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Prof Baird
Dec. 21/72