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U. S. Government Building, Centennial Grounds,

West Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 31. 1876.

Dear Prof. Bell,

I wrote you a few days ago, supposing you were still in <sup>Philadelphia</sup> Washington, afterwards forwarded the letter to Montreal.

I hope you will prep the matter to a decision on the subject of transfers to the Smithsonian, as soon as possible, as I am anxious to have what we get labelled & entered as much before the close of the Exhibition as possible.

Do we get the big Plumbago blocks? I should be delighted to have it.

Yours truly,

Spencer Baird

Prof. Charles Bell,  
Geological Survey,  
Montreal.

Canada

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Mr. Davis  
Place  
Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1846