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U. S. Government Building, Centennial Grounds,

West Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 20, 1876.

Dear Professor:

I am duly in receipt of your letter of the 14th with the bill for books which I shall attempt to do soon as possible, and remit the amount.

Professor Schuchert has very kindly presented his stratigraphical series of American rocks for which we are very much indebted. I am sorry to say we have not been so fortunate with your other collections as we had hoped. The Canadian Commissioners succeeded in carrying their point in regard to the return of many of the things to Ottawa; and the Plumbago ^{exhibit} was presented to the school of mining engineers at ~~New York~~ although I think we could have done better with it at Washington especially as there is quite a probability of the erection of a public building

there for the exposition of the Government
collections. Prof. Schuyler has promised
to speak to Mr. Struthers, the agent of
the four red granite headstones for
the purpose of securing one of them for
us; I fear after Major Sibley's collection
gets back to Montreal it will be difficult
for us to get them. I hope, however
~~you~~^{he} will bear the matter in mind.

Yours truly,

Spencer Baird

Prof Robert Bell.
Geological Survey.
Montreal, Canada.

Prof. Baird
Philadelphia
Nov 20 1876.