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Thos. Cooper

Philadelphia July 20. 1817

Sir  
I have to make acknowledgements to you for not replying to a letter of yours about two years ago making enquiry as to points of local mineralogy. I had intended to have written, but being remote from Philadelphia, and finding when I visited the city, and compared notes with my friends Conrad, Wistar and Collins, that all I had proposed to send you, they had already sent with many additions, I forbore to write without having any thing say, but what had been already better said.

I am preparing at the request of my friends to give a course of Lectures in mineralogy in this City, under the sanction of the Trustees of the University; but they furnish me with nothing toward it but a room. I propose using your book as the manual for my class, and if you think fit to send me any additions or corrections, I shall use them in such manner as you think fit. I hope you have looked over Jameson's last edition of his mineralogy in 3 volumes & (without his Geology) & over Cordier's papers in the Journal de Physique on volcanic productions. Mr Brande has just published his lectures on Geology at the royal Institute: the book is out, but has not yet reached us. The third volume of the Memoirs of the Geological Society is also published, & by this time Spang, a new edition of Thomson's Chemistry. Mr Macleure has just printed a new edition of his Geological map ~~with~~ and Memoir. I presume he has sent you specimens of some of his newer minerals,



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Your friend & servant  
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*[Handwritten signature]*

Parkus Peaveyland Esq

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JUL 20 1874

Professor of Mineralogy in  
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