

British Museum.

Dec. 20. 1844.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees to acknowledge your letter dated Canterbury, December, and in reply to acquaint you that the Trustees are deeply obliged for the valuable series of Skins and Drawings which you have already presented to the Museum, as well as for the liberal offer now made of completing the series.

This offer the Trustees will thankfully accept, and will instruct the proper Officer to proceed to Canterbury, whenever it may be convenient to you, for the purpose of making the selection for the Museum, and of giving you such aid as he can consistently with his other

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public duties, in sorting the specimens to
be distributed to other public Institutions;
but the Trustees regret to say that
to contribute in any way to the
publication which you propose, does
not fall within the limit of the
objects to which they think it right
to confine themselves.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. Gorshall

Secretary.