

My dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge your letter of 23 Uto. in reply relative to my osteological Collection, adverting to what you told me upon the occasion of my visit to the Museum of the College of Surgeons (viz that your space is very limited & your object, merely to exhibit the more striking diversities of structure in the animal Kingdom) I am afraid that my osteological Collection, which is very extensive & abounds in individual specimens, is unsuited to your institution; and, as the British Museum has agreed to receive it, I have determined to send the whole of the bones as well as skins there, at least in the first instance, <sup>and</sup> pending such ultimate arrangements as may seem most fitting. In every event I have provided that such of the duplicates shall be at your disposal for the College of Surgeons as that institution may desire to possess, and I trust I may yet indulge the hope of obtaining the benefit of your opinion relative to the Collection -

7 1049 specimens

Believe me

Yrs. very truly

A. A. Wood

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