

35 Avenue d'Antin
Paris 7 November 1855

Dear Sir

I desire to extend a knowledge of the products
the arts & the habits of the people of India in Canada
in due measure to make application to you, with a hope
that in your kindness you will be induced to bestow
some such portion as you can spare of the very
admirable & varied collection of Indian materials
you have brought to the Paris Exhibition, on
a very deserving & rising Institution in Mon-
treal. It is entitled the Montreal Mechanics
Institution. The members of it have by subscrip-
tion ~~had~~ erected a very large & commodious
building for the purposes of a library, museum, &
reading & lecture rooms, and the Society is incorpo-
rated by act of Parliament. The library is much
increased & it greatly tends to cultivate a
taste for reading among the working classes.
Instruction in drawing & design is bestowed upon
a number of young men in a class & lectures
are frequently given. It would greatly tend
to illustrate such as may be devoted to India

J. Royal

the subject of India if the following articles could
be spared from your Collection in the Museum &
such other from those in the palace as you may
have in greatest number.

- 1 pair Buffalo horns
- 1 Buffalo head
- 1 Antelope head
- 1 ~~Wolf~~ ^{Wolf} head
- 1 Wolf's ^{Wolf's} head
- 1 Lot of Bird skins about 100
- 1 Collection of butterflies in a case
- 1 Barkmg Deer head
- Sample of various fibrous substances
- Sample of raw silk & thread
- 1 Camel skin jar
- 1 Knife holder
- 1 Lot of Tools
- 1 ~~Blue~~ Sifter
- 1 Pillows
- 1 Boat
- 1 Model of Cart
- 1 State Carriage
- 1 Gigant Cart
- 1 Punch machine
- 1 Sugar mill
- 1 Model of disk for sewing
- 1 Hydraulics wheel for irrigation
- 1 Cotton gin
- 1 Grinding stone
- 1 Matt

- 1 Picking Rib
- 1 Woman cleaning Cotton
- 1 Toddy holder
- 1 Toddy man's Apparatus

I am dear Sir
Very truly & respectfully
Yours
W. E. Logan

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