

Office of School Commissioners,

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Dear Doctor Danson

I have collected specimens of so called "Phosphate Rock" from Bull River South Carolina - enough to fill a box two or 3 feet square - the rock forms the cargo of a ship, which put in here in distress - I am sorry that Dr Honeyman got ahead of me - he has secured a considerable number of very fine fossils, shark teeth & shells - I have however got the finest of the former as yet collected out of the cargo - with some other good things. We think they are from Red Clay Older Pliocene the specimens all abound in shells many of which have a strangely recent look to me - particularly some of the Buccina, and Patica, pecten & ^{perhaps} Oyster bed occurs on the same locality it is ^{not} so far as I can judge - either O. virginiana or O. borealis. If you like I will send you the whole lot of specimens of Phosphate Rock I have collected with teeth & some specimens of the oyster which you will no doubt be able to identify - I can also send you some Echini & Ophiura - from St Martin's West India outline of tooth of Carcharodon? - ?

I am very anxious to procure a perfect, living pair, male & female of the large American Gray squirrel. Could they be had at any of the Bird stores in Montreal - if so what would they cost me - & could they ^{be} sent to me - safely - if not trespassing too much on your time and kindness I would be thankful for the above information. If you think the specimens of Phosphate rock of sufficient interest I will pack them up on receipt of your letter - how shall I forward them -

Very Respectfully
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