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8<sup>th</sup> April 1881

J. Acuson

My Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure  
of sending to you, for the  
University Museum, a small  
box of shells, which will I  
trust be acceptable, - some  
at least new to the Cabinet.

I confess that they have  
been put up in a hurry. -  
I could not even take a list of  
them, or clean them properly.

Age and health considered,  
I have now pretty much given  
up my studies of the local Indian  
fauna, and parted with my  
entire collection.

For the present, at least, I  
retain my North American shells.

I lately mailed to you a  
copy of my last papers, including  
one on the Oribolites of the  
Islands of Santa Cruz.

Professor Cuvier, of the Upsala  
University writes to me, that  
the Geological conditions of these  
and the neighbouring Islands  
preclude the supposition that  
Santa Cruz and St. Thomas  
has been united since the  
existence of the present Islands  
and Flora. What a puzzling  
question it is to account  
for distribution of species in  
those Islands.

I have to thank you for the  
copy of a paper, of much  
interest, and long since received.

Pray offer my very kindest  
regards to Dr. Carpenter, - I never  
ceased to regret the loss of my dear  
Friend, her late husband.

I am my dear Sir,  
Very truly yours  
W. Blanford

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freight paid.

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