

Academy wishes to exchange its works with the Society
I presume that: or the Acad. of nat. Science, is only an establishment
for collection, or that it has the character of a learned society, without
having published, - or that it is a part of the americ. phil. Soc.
You understand, that it must be interesting for me, to know the truth in this
particular matter. But I am now in a predicament, from which it is quite
necessary to me, to enter more and more in the statistics of the learned
bodies in your country. Since January I am Secretary of the math. physical
Section of our Academy. I am anxious to enlarge the correspondance and the ex-
change of academical publications, and to bring the section and the whole Academy
in a very lively intercourse with all the active learned bodies of N. America.
I therefore beg You, my good and excellent friend, to give me as soon
as possible a circumstantial note on all the northamerican Societies, which
belong to the ressort of an Academy, saying me also the titles of their publica-
tions, their residences, the name of their leading members or Secretary and
the direction for them. Also I wish to know, whether the northamerican
government publishes maps, Statistical review and books, or other
publications, which in any way enter in the ressort of our Academy, and
what in this case, would to be done, for receiving such publications from
the government. I shall be very obliged to you, if you would give as soon
as possible some notices about this matter. In some time You shall receive
a list of all our academical publications for exchange ready.

In exchange of the books and plants, you receive, I hope to receive from
you such books as you may spare from your duplicates and plants,
especially from the Southern and western quarters. Being myself
very anxious to have authentical specimens from your hands.

Amongst the books published in N. Amer. is particularly desirable to
me Pickershill geogr. of plants. From Bigelow's american merid.
Botany I possess Vol. 1. (part. 1. et part. 2.) I wish to know, how much
appeared, and the price.

I send you a second via of this letter via Havre

From my family I can give you good news. Made or Martin
is now quite recovered from a very dangerous hepatitis, which brought
her near to the grave. My children are growing up well and giving



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