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Greenbrier January 16th 1797

Your letter of the 10th Novemb^r. Rec^d. by the post. I desired
the answer in hopes of being able to gratify you with a part of
the thigh of the Animal you wished. such was actually in the
possession of the people at the Cave, but by some unaccountable
neglect it is mislaid that it cannot be found again. This bone
was about one foot in Length, one inch & a half thick to the hollow,
which was one inch and a Quarter wide. I seen the spot where it ^{was}
found about 40 feet distant from where the great claws lay
~~lay~~ Should it be found hereafter, if it is in my power, I will not
fail to convey it to you.

I am very Respectfully
your Most. Obed^t Hum^l Serv^t.

John Stuart

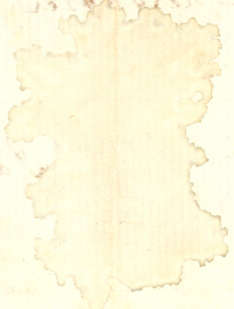
Stuart John.

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