

Sir
Greenbrier September 6th 1797

Your favour of the 15th ult. with the Diploma adopting me a member of the philosophical society came safe to hand. This Honour lays me under every obligation, and very grateful acknowledgments to you - be assured Sir, I shall be careful to enquire and diligent to communicate any thing that may fall in my way that I conceive will be interesting to the society. - I fear no more of the bones of the Megalonyx will be got as I promised a reward for any that might be found in the cave. I was long in hopes the head bones or teeth would be got which would more effectually prove his mind - I believe I before mentioned to you that there is a figure of a Lion carved on a rock on the Kenawha - which I presume is no small evidence that such an animal had once an existence here, especially as that figure with many others rudely cut bears every mark of very great antiquity -

I have the honor to be very respectfully
your Most Obedt. Humble Servt.

John Stuart

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