

Washington Culpeper Va
2^d April 1815

Dear Sir

Can I flatter myself you will excuse
The goodness to pardon the liberty I have thus taken,
Altho I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance
still your love of natural history, and the pro-
gress you have made, in that most interesting
science, is not unknown to me. Finding no
mention made in your "Notes on Virginia",
of certain descriptions of Thin Stones found in
various parts of the state, and being very ana-
mous to have your opinion, ^{respecting their formation &c} I have been induced
to ~~ask~~ ^{request} you will gratify me the first opportunity
what your convenience may permit. — The Stones
I make no doubt have excited your attention, they
are generally composed of the most transparent flint,
and have to every appearance one paper thro the
hands of some skillful lapidist, the one I have
now before me is cut in part, beautifully smooth,
is of a hexagonal figure. As the part B is rough
and unpolished, to break them open I don't observe

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any thing like a continuation, or layers of the same
regularity, or smoothness within, what I think,
would be the case if they were the works of na-
ture. —



But how to account for them now, or for the great
variety in figure, as well as size (no two being alike,
if the same dimensions) is beyond my reach —

I trust in, yourself pardon me, and
have the goodness to let me have the pleasure
of hearing from you very shortly — Wishing you
every possible happiness,

London etc.

Very sincerely your friend

Geo. N. Kalls?

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