

Waltham

June 12

Union Club Boston
3 Park Street.

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My dear Sir

While I was staying
in Leveeff & Graw facaria
I was offered a Jeandhe
Skull, a lock of the hair
found with it & some of the
Earthen ware & shell beads
with which these mummies
were adorned.

It occurred to me that
there may possibly be no
specimen of the Jeandhe
Skull in the museum
of the Canadian Institute
& that some of the members
might like to have one
added to the collection.

There is the more likely
to be the case, as there will
be found a striking
resemblance between
the earthenware beads,
& shell beads of the
Quanches & the American
Indians.

Though beads of shell
resembling our wampum
were used by the Quanches
I cannot find after
consulting the best
works, & the highest living
authority, D. J. P. J. J.
Chilc central of the
Museum at Las Palmas,
that the Quanches ever
used these shell beads
as money. It is possible

However that Wampum
may have long been used
I valued as an ornament
before it became
useful as a species of
money. But however is
a point which I. D. L. can
yourself can settle
better than I can.

Just before I left,
a friend, Mr. von
Schwartzbach, found
the mummy of a large
lizard, a species now
unknown in the Island.
Hitherto only the mummies
of men have been
found, the discovery is
therefore interesting.

These are two points of
some little interest which

have occurred to me which
may interest you.

The Guanches did not
know the art of chipping
stone, - a few polished
Greenstone axes have
been found, several
identically the same as
those I have found in
the Antilles. The Guanches
^{by fire} hardened the ends of long
Staves (about 6-7 feet.)
& used them so effectually
that the arrows of the
Spaniards could not
penetrate them. They
also used them, (I shall
do so) as a defensive
as well as offensive
weapon (holding them
in the middle. Against