

Dear Mr Amos ^{from Bill} Williams letter

I am hot & lazy today.

Last night I caught a bat which Rankine observed fly against the library windows. It was a young bat. We put it into the Canary cage.

Afterwards we saw the large mother bat flying around apparently looking in distress for her young one. I went to let it out, in her sight, but it was gone. I know not where.

She had played last night & there was a very large number of people up. I have made a kite for myself & one for Rankine. She will pass very quickly. I have gone twice to market for Maria. I think it is great fun.

I thank you for your letter. Please write again. With love from your affectionate mother. William

OFFICE OF THE
Regents of the University of the State of New York.

ALBANY, June 1, 1865.

SIR :

The Senate and the Assembly of the State of New York, on the 24th of April last, each adopted the following resolution :

WHEREAS, the collections in Geology, Mineralogy, and other departments of Natural History, made by the Geological Survey of the State, were committed to the charge of the Regents of the University by act of the Legislature in 1845, and the Reports published before and since that period as the results of the survey, have conferred great credit upon the State of New York, both at home and abroad, and the nomenclature proposed by her Geologists has been adopted by other States, and in the Geological Survey of Canada, and is well known, appreciated and recognized by the scientific men of Europe ;

AND WHEREAS, great progress has been made since that period in Geological investigations, both here and abroad, and it is due to science, as well as a suitable recognition of the great credit given to the State of New York, that her pre-eminence be sustained by keeping up the character and authenticity of her collections as a Museum of Practical and Scientific Geology ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Regents of the University report to the Legislature, at its next session, what means may be necessary, together with a plan, for placing the State Cabinet of Natural History in the condition required by the present state of science, and to maintain it in full efficiency as a Museum of Scientific and Practical Geology and Comparative Zoology ; and whether the establishment of a system of free lectures in connection with the Cabinet is desirable, and if so, on what general plan the same should be founded.

The Regents of the University have committed the duty of preparing their answer to this resolution to their

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