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many thanks my dear
Sir for your kind
present of the teeth
& Vertebrae from
the Chalk. Unfortunately
two only were uninjured
by package. I should
not have been able to
have known all the
names; but expecting
I might be able to get
to Charing I deferred
acknowledging your
kind note, which made
me too late to correct
the text. I have
however inserted a
few lines as a note
in the appendix. I

have been & am now
much hampered by
prosecuting my researches
that I must appeal
to your indulgence to
forgive my apparent
want of courtesy, & to
the hurry in which
I must address you.

My dear Sir

Yours greatly obliged

G. A. Mantell

Monday
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My dear Sir,

The specimen sent are very decidedly grey chalk; it is probable the beds may gradually pass into the blue clay or galt, without the usual intervention of the grey or chlorite marl, but for the most part, in the S.E. of England, the firestone, upper green sand, or chlorite marl, occurs between this bluish grey chalk & the galt. At Hamsey near Lewes, I found no traces of any intervention of firestone,

between shells of this character with black thin grey mud containing minute, scaphites &c fossils, & the true salt beneath.

I write in haste.

Yours very truly,

Most faithfully

G. W. Featherstonhaugh.

Friday.

Small specimens are scarcely sufficiently characteristic of the mineral nature of a rock to enable one to speak decidedly. Possibly your home already rocks for Salt. –